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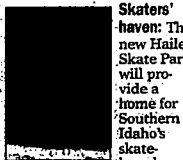
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What's in a street name?

Business group asks Twin Falls to rename downtown streets

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It might solve a century of confusion. It might frustrate map vendors and downtown residents - at least temporarily. But a proposal to rename streets in the heart of Twin Falls is almost certain to rouse the civic passions.

An organization of downtown and Old Towne business people proposes renaming one downtown street for a boarding house proprietress. Others for a candy man, a photographer and a handful of businessmen from Twin Falls' early days. And one for a federal act that cleared the way for irrigation projects.

The idea gets an airing before the City Council Monday.

Any renaming would need the council's consent, so Historic Old Towne's business improvement district will present its case to the council in a public meeting. It starts at 5 p.m. Monday in City Hall, and the street-name proposal is first on the agenda.

If the council decides Monday or later to consider the matter further, it will set public hearings before deciding the fate of downtown addresses.

"There'll be plenty of opportunity for public comment," City Manager Tom Courtney said.

Downtown business leaders unveiled their proposal in May and spent several months gathering evidence of support to lay before the City Council.

They say downtown's numbered grid of road names has made directing customers to downtown businesses difficult for years. The debate was around in the city's early days, too.

On the advice of a city-contracted consultant, downtown leaders have talked seriously for more than a year about finding a naming system more understandable to out-of-town travelers.

Here are the basics of their proposal:

- Fourteen historical names are suggested for 14 southwest-northeast streets in Twin Falls' original townsite.
- The proposed names run in alphabetical order from Allen Street in the northwest corner of the downtown grid to Nye Street in the southeast corner.
- The proposal leaves landmark Shoshone Street and all of the avenues' names unchanged.
- It also leaves intact the numerical portion of every address. So if the proposed names end up on street signs, they'll have the same directional components as existing names - for example, Bisbee Street North and Bisbee Street West, and Kregel Street South and Kregel Street East.
- Historic Old Towne wants the city to approve its street-name proposal in time for Twin Falls' 2004 centennial celebration.
- Historic Old Towne leaders chose just one person who's still alive, candy maker Jack Fredrickson, to have his name on a street. But because of the alphabetical system, it

wouldn't be the street that runs in front of the decades-old Fredrickson's Candy Shop - a fact that his wife, Bonnie, laments.

The business improvement district initially aimed to honor the so-called father of Twin Falls with Ira Perrine Street, to fill the alphabet's "P" spot. But several Perrine family members spoke up to say the man was never known as Ira, said David Mead, a volunteer who gathered some local history for the downtown business group. The revised plan: I.B. Perrine Street.

Jack Fredrickson, 94, and his wife, Bonnie, stand on Twin Falls' Third Street West, which might soon be named after them. A group of downtown business owners is proposing to rename the streets downtown after historical figures in Twin Falls' history. Fredrickson, who had been making candy in Twin Falls for almost 67 years, is the only living honoree on the list.



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against the renaming proposal, saying that change will cause instead of eliminate confusion, or that some of the proposed names are inappropriate or hard to pronounce.

But so far, City Hall hasn't detected a public consensus.

"I really haven't heard much one way or the other on the issue," Courtney said. "To the extent we've had calls, it's been a mixed bag."

Some folks simply don't want their addresses to change, said Terry McCurdy, who chairs the Historic Old Towne Design Committee spearheading the street project.

"It will be real honest. We have had some peo-

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Building a case

Since May, some residents have argued

more lenient repayment terms. The order for the 184-nation IMF came from the lending institution's policy-setting committee of finance ministers.

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Report: Surgery followed shooting

Police don't say if procedure took place

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The local hospital's chief of staff was scheduled to perform surgery about six and half hours after a confrontation in which he fired a shot outside a Twin Falls bar, according to a police report.

Dr. James M. Retmier, 52, later showed signs of intoxication when talking to an officer over the phone, Twin Falls police Sgt. Jim Tuttle wrote in his report.



Dr. James Retmier

Retmier's lawyer told police the doctor was scheduled for a 7 a.m. surgery at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Tuttle reported. Whether he actually operated is unknown.

A grand jury indicted Retmier Thursday on an aggravated assault charge. A felony. His arraignment in 5th District Court is set for 11 a.m. Monday. Prosecutors have indicated they intend to seek an enhanced penalty because of Retmier's alleged use of a handgun.

Police released their reports Friday, in response to a formal request from The Times-News under the Idaho Public Records Law.

A pool bet gone sour led to the confrontation between Retmier and Robert Shawn Simons, 29, of Twin Falls at about 12:26 a.m. Aug. 20 in the parking lot of Woody's Bar at 213 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls, according to Simons and two witnesses. Simons told investigators Retmier pressed the muzzle of a pistol against Simons' throat after firing a shot next to his left ear, according to Tuttle's report and an affidavit written by Twin Falls police Detective David Heidemann.

But Retmier and his attorney at the time, Gary Slette, told police that Retmier had been chased in the parking lot by two men who were trying to rob him. They said

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Iraq rejects Bush's new inspection rules

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq said Saturday that it would not comply with any new U.N. Security Council resolution that incorporates demands by the Bush administration to revise the rules governing the work of weapons inspectors in Iraq.

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Iraq's vice president, Taha Yassin Ramadan, said weapons inspectors were free to return under an existing arrangement with the United Nations, but not if the Security Council adopts a draft resolution being circulated by the U.S. government, which calls for inspectors to be accompanied by guards and to be allowed to freely enter President Saddam Hussein's palaces.

Iraq announced on Sept. 16



A young protester waves a Palestinian flag during a rally in London to demonstrate against a war in Iraq.

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Ministers direct IMF to revamp handling of debts

Dramatic change would aid struggling nations

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Finance leaders directed the International Monetary Fund on Saturday to develop a dramatic new approach to resolving debt crises that have engulfed countries from Asia to South America.

The step is a milestone in overhauling the global finance system. The effort has moved in fits and starts since the Asian currency crisis of 1997-98 pushed 40 percent of the world's economy into recession.

The goal is creation of a process by which nations with unmanageable debt could declare bankruptcy and force creditors to negotiate

Protesters march - A3

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

The color purple
Violets are blooming every where in fashion this fall.

Ribbon ringleader
A Jerome woman rules over winning blue ribbons.

Your football fix
Get standings, stories and more in the Varsity page.

Big targets
Get your forecasts for the deer, elk and waterfowl hunting seasons.

Waiting still
Hailey's Company of Fools contemplates "Waiting for Godot."

Working together
Find out how three churches can join forces.

So far away
Learn how some Idaho couples negotiate long-distance romance.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
High 76°
Normal High 72°
Low 25°
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Precipitation
24 hours ending 9 p.m. Yesterday: 0.00
Month to date: 0.56
Normal Month: 0.88
Water year to date (Oct. 1): 7.31
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 6.02

Humidity
Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 65%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.80 Hg
TF pollen count yesterday: 120

High pollen counts: Moderate: High
(high) sagebrush, chenopods, Mold: High

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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Temperatures are today's high and tonight's lows.

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High 68°
Normal High 68°
Low 42°
Record High 87° in 1989
Record Low 24° in 1989

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. Yesterday: 0.00
Month to date: 0.56
Normal Month: 0.88
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
					
▲ 68°	▼ 42°	▲ 56° ▼ 32°	▲ 54° ▼ 30°	▲ 60° ▼ 38°	▲ 63° ▼ 40°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southwest Idaho: Turning windy today with lines of clouds and sunshine; a couple of showers will cross the area. Highs from near 50 in the mountains to near 70 in the valleys.
Boles: Becoming windy today with intervals of clouds and sunshine; a shower will cross parts of the area. High 68. Partly cloudy, brisk and chilly tonight. Low 40.

Northern Nevada: Sunshine and occasional clouds today with a windy afternoon; a few spots across the north will have a shower. Highs from the 50s in the mountains to the 70s in the lower elevations.

Northern Utah: A mixture of clouds and sunshine today with a windy afternoon; a few spots, especially across the north, will have a shower. Highs from 50 in the mountains to the low 70s in Salt Lake City.

Northern Idaho: Windy and cooler today with clouds, brief sunshine and showers. Snow level will lower to near 7,000 feet. Highs from near 40 at Muller Pass to 64 at Lewiston.

NATIONAL EXTREMES (Yesterday for the 48 contiguous states)
High 100° in Yuma, Cochise, AZ Low 24° in Yellowstone Lake, WY.

NATIONAL WEATHER

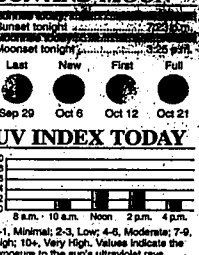
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SUN AND MOON

SUNSET TONIGHT 7:22 P.M.
MOONSET TONIGHT 3:25 P.M.
Last New First Full
Sep 29 Oct 6 Oct 12 Oct 21

SEP INDEX TODAY



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the percentage of the month's average.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta City	72 54	75 58
Baltimore	62 48	65 50
Birmingham	68 52	70 55
Boise	68 52	70 55
Charlotte	74 60	77 63
Chicago	68 52	70 55
Cincinnati	68 52	70 55
Cleveland	74 60	77 63
Dallas	74 60	77 63
Denver	68 52	70 55
Detroit	68 52	70 55
El Paso	84 68	87 70
Houston	74 60	77 63
Los Angeles	68 52	70 55
Las Vegas	81 65	84 67
Memphis	68 52	70 55
Minneapolis	68 52	70 55
New York	72 56	75 58
Oakland	68 52	70 55
Philadelphia	76 60	79 63
Pittsburgh	68 52	70 55
Raleigh	74 60	77 63
Rapid City	76 60	79 63
San Antonio	74 60	77 63
San Diego	76 60	79 63
Seattle	68 52	70 55
St. Louis	68 52	70 55
Washington, DC	74 60	77 63
Weather (T):	sunny, pt-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, th-thunderstorms, rain-	rain-snow flurries, an-snow, ice.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	68 52	70 55
Edmonton	68 52	70 55
Halifax	68 52	70 55
London	68 52	70 55
Montreal	68 52	70 55
Ottawa	68 52	70 55
Quebec	68 52	70 55
Regina	68 52	70 55
Saskatoon	68 52	70 55
Toronto	68 52	70 55
Vancouver	68 52	70 55
Victoria	68 52	70 55
Winnipeg	68 52	70 55

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Bangkok	88 78	91 78
Bombay	88 78	91 78
Brussels	68 52	70 55
Geneva	68 52	70 55
Hong Kong	88 78	91 78
Jakarta	88 78	91 78
London	68 52	70 55
Los Angeles	68 52	70 55
Manila	88 78	91 78
Paris	68 52	70 55
San Francisco	68 52	70 55
Seattle	68 52	70 55
Tokyo	88 78	91 78
Zurich	68 52	70 55

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	68 52	70 55
Bonanza Ferry	68 52	70 55
Burley	68 52	70 55
Coeur d'Alene	68 52	70 55
Elbow	68 52	70 55
Eugene, OR	68 52	70 55
Hagerman	68 52	70 55
Idaho Falls	68 52	70 55
Kamela, MT	68 52	70 55
Lewiston	68 52	70 55
Malta	68 52	70 55

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
McCall	68 52	70 55
Minidoka	68 52	70 55
Portland, OR	68 52	70 55
Roseburg, OR	68 52	70 55
Salmon	68 52	70 55
Salt Lake City, UT	68 52	70 55
Seattle, WA	68 52	70 55
Spokane, WA	68 52	70 55
Stanley	68 52	70 55
Twin Valley	68 52	70 55
Yellowstone, MT	68 52	70 55

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NATO ships in Hamburg move after apparent threat

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) - Hamburg authorities relocated a fleet of NATO ships to a more secure part of the city's harbor Saturday after receiving information of a possible threat, a security official said.
British authorities had tipped off their German counterparts to information that their ships within the fleet could be facing threats from the open side of the harbor, Hamburg security official Walter Wellinghausen told NDR radio.
"We then spoke to the commander of the fleet and decided ... to move all of the ships into another part of the harbor that can be properly secured," Wellinghausen said.
A spokesman for the Ministry of Defense in London confirmed that there had been "some movement" of British ships, but declined to go into details.

Turkish police seize 35 pounds of weapons-grade uranium

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Paramilitary police have seized about 35 pounds of uranium and arrested two Turks who they said planned to sell the weapons-grade substance, the Anatolia news agency reported Saturday.
Police, acting on a tip, stopped a taxi on a highway near the southeastern city of Sanliurfa, Anatolia said. They found the uranium in a secret compartment under one of the car seats.
Police in Sanliurfa confirmed the arrests but refused to give further information. Anatolia said the uranium was enriched for use in weapons. Police believe it was smuggled from an eastern European country.
The agency did not say when the arrests were made. Sanliurfa, some 480 miles from Ankara, is close to the Syrian border.

Hawaii Rep. Mink dies at 74

HONOLULU (AP) - Rep. Patsy Mink, a fierce liberal who co-authored landmark gender equity legislation and had been expected to easily defeat her GOP opponent in the November general election, died Saturday. She was 74.
The Hawaii Democrat died at Straub Clinic and Hospital, where she had been treated since Aug. 30 for viral pneumonia stemming from chickenpox, said her

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Dems' radio address cites threats to economy

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey said Saturday that lawmakers who are focused on the war on terrorism must also be vigilant about the nation's mounting economic problems.
Torricelli considered the most vulnerable Democratic senator facing re-election this year because of continuing questions about his ethics and honesty, made his remarks in his party's weekly radio address.
He said that while politicians in Washington debate how best

growth, the falling stock market, increased health care costs and a return to deficit spending.
"For the first time in eight years, the number of Americans living in poverty is growing, while the middle class is shrinking," he said.
Torricelli is accused of accepting expensive gifts from businessman David Chang in exchange for political favors. Chang has admitted making illegal campaign contributions to Torricelli and was sentenced to 18 months in jail.
Prosecutors never charged Torricelli but he was reprimanded by the Senate ethics committee.
The issue has been central in his re-election campaign against Republican Douglas Forrester, who before the scandal was thought to have the best chance of beating Torricelli.
Torricelli acknowledges he accepted gifts from Chang, including a television set and some earrings, and then violated Senate rules by failing to report them.

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were ignoring positive economic developments.
But efforts to project an optimistic view were undermined by mixed signals by financial officials from Japan about how Japan planned to deal with its troubled banking sector and revive the world's second largest economy.
As in the past, the meetings attracted thousands of anti-globalization protesters who contend the institutions' policies favor wealthy nations.
Authorities, who made 649 arrests Friday, widened their security perimeter Saturday in downtown Washington. Demonstrations generally were peaceful in advance of a march from the Washington Monument.
The bankruptcy proposal faces stiff opposition from large banks that make loans to developing countries. Banks oppose making it easier for those nations to win new repayment terms.
The Bush administration originally favored a limited approach by which a majority of creditors could agree to accept lower repayments from countries in dire circumstances. A single creditor can, in most instances now, block reduced repayment terms.

A week ago, the administration indicated it supported a two-track approach that included its proposal and the more sweeping IMF plan.
Koehler said hard work lies ahead in developing the details to put the bankruptcy process into place. The IMF will listen to the concerns of banks and others, he said.
The proposal will be presented to the IMF's directors in April. The plan ultimately would require approval from each of the organization's 184 members.
"We must explore every possible option to improve the current

Iraq

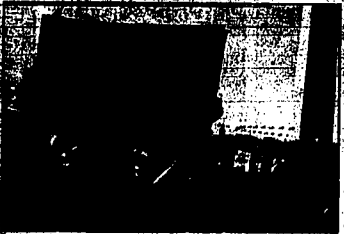
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administration stipulated that it "will not cooperate with any new resolution that contradicts what has been agreed upon with the (U.N.) secretary general," including providing advance notice and conducting inspections in the presence of diplomats, and it accused the United States of trying to pressure the Security Council into issuing "new, bad resolutions."
In Crawford, Tex., where President Bush is spending the weekend on his ranch, White House press secretary Ari Fleisher said Saturday "This is not a matter open to negotiations with Iraq. This is a matter for discussions with the United Nations. It's clear for all the world to see that Iraq's intentions are to delay; to argue, to confuse and finally to defy, so they can continue to build up their arms. It makes it even more important for the United States to take strong action."
Bush, in his weekly radio address, contended that any delay in dealing with Iraq could have disastrous consequences.
"The dangers we face will only grow from month to month and year to year," he said. "To ignore

these threats is to encourage them - and when they have fully materialized, it may be too late to protect ourselves and our allies."
Ramadan's statement appeared to be designed to pressure Russia, China and France - which all have veto power on the Security Council - to oppose the Bush administration's proposal.
In an effort to sell the draft, the administration has engaged in some frantic diplomacy. On Friday, Bush telephoned French President Jacques Chirac, and Marc Grossman, the under secretary of state for political affairs, held meetings in Paris.
"If the adversaries, Iraq, Iran, have been trying to shore up diplomatic support, Foreign Minister Najf Sabri, who was in Egypt last week, arrived in Tehran today for meetings with his Iranian counterpart. Although the two countries fought a war for much of the 1980s and still have a tense relationship, Iraq wants to suggest that U.S.-based Shiite groups in Iraq, which have used to be allowed to base their activities in Iran.

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NATION



Protesters march at the Washington Monument Saturday to protest the World Bank and international Monetary Fund policies.

Protesters march against IMF, World Bank policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chanting "quarantine corporate greed," thousands of demonstrators angered by AIDS, war and the plight of the poor, marched Saturday to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the two financial institutions they blame for many of the world's problems.

Under the watchful eyes of a police force reinforced with riot gear, protesters flooded downtown streets, banging drums and waving giant puppets as they walked. Security was exceedingly tight. The perimeter around the buildings was extended out several blocks, with chain link fences and security officers in full riot gear patrolling the grounds and the finance ministers meeting inside.

At the perimeter, there were scattered skirmishes between protesters and police. At one intersection, where protesters gazed unfurling a banner, bottles were reported tossed. At another, protesters sat in the street, hoping to prevent delegates from leaving. The smell of vinegar hung in the air. Protesters routinely carry handkerchiefs soaked in vinegar, believing it prevents the sting of pepper spray, which police could use.

Only a couple of arrests had been reported as a nightfall neared, a sharp contrast to the 549 taken into custody Friday after sporadic clashes around the city.

The second day of protests linked to the IMF-World Bank meetings began peacefully with a festive rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument, where

the crowd cheered speakers addressing a variety of causes, from Third World debt to AIDS to possible war against Iraq.

By early afternoon, the crowd numbered about 2,000, according to reports to D.C. police.

"We need this movement more than ever before," said Michelle Shocked, who played blues with her electric guitar on stage.

Scattered among the crowd was an inflatable menagerie — a 20-foot-tall pig adorned with the words "Hog-tied corporate glutton" and a shark balloon with a globe in its mouth and a sign, "Stop IMF Loan Sharking." A large rolling Trojan horse had a sign that said: "World Bank Aid."

Protest organizers handed out orange, white and yellow polycarbonate tape and biohazard suits.

"We're just trying to quarantine the World Bank because their policies are infectious to the rest of the world," said Melanie Grutman of Burlington, Vt.

From the monument, protesters moved to a downtown park, where they burned American flags and, in effigy, a symbol of the IMF and World Bank.

"We want them to immediately cancel the debt to all African nations that are suffering from AIDS and allow that money to be spent in those countries to buy drugs to keep people alive," said Paul Zeitz, 40, director of the Washington-based Global AIDS Alliance.

Jason Nordsell, 21, a junior at George Washington University from Euless, Texas, retrieved the tattered and scorched flags. Nordsell said he had come to take pictures, not protest.

Study finds declining air quality at national parks

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — A 10-year government study of air quality at major national parks found sulfate levels rising at 20 of the 37 parks surveyed, including Yellowstone, Shenandoah, Great Smoky Mountains and the Everglades.

About half of 29 parks surveyed for acid rain were found to have continuing or worsening problems: from nitrate deposits. Sulfate concentrations associated with acid rain were on the rise in five parks, with Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore reporting a slight decrease.

The National Park Service

study last week came as the National Parks Conservation Association, a citizen watchdog group, released a report citing Virginia's Shenandoah; the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee; Kentucky's Mammoth Cave; and Kings Canyon in California and Maine's Acadia as the five most polluted parks in the United States.

In the Great Smoky Mountains, our most polluted national park, ozone pollution exceeds that of Atlanta, Ga., and even rivals Los Angeles," said Harvard-Ayers, chairman of the Appalachian Voices conservation group.

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Labor politics slow Senate on homeland security plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Election-year politics are a chief reason for the Senate's impasse in creating a Homeland Security Department. Democrats are refusing to buck their allies in organized labor and give President Bush the broad power he demands to hire and fire agency workers.

With the Nov. 5 elections fast approaching, Republicans increasingly see the bill as a chance to force Democrats into an uncomfortable choice between a popular president and unions that overwhelmingly support Democrats.

Bush wants broad authority to hire, fire and deploy the 170,000

workers that would be transferred to the new Cabinet-level agency to meet emerging terrorist threats. The president contends Democrats are trying to limit his existing authority to exempt department workers from union bargaining agreements for reasons of national security.

Republicans are engaging in "cynical manipulation" and seeking to gain political advantage on the worker rights issue, says Sens. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.

Some Democrats question whether the GOP prefers letting the bill and blaming it on Democrats and unions.

Mallory Snow was diagnosed with AME, leukemia (cancer of the bone marrow) in June. She is under the care of Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Her treatment will last 6 to 8 months.

Mallory's mother, Jennifer Anstett, was life-threatening to the University of Utah in mid-August with swelling of the brain and a tumor. Jennifer will have to undergo several surgeries to correct the problems.

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Bush, McBride meet in gubernatorial debate

Ramifications could extend beyond Florida

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Jeb Bush Bill McBride

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Education stole the spotlight in round one between Democrat Bill McBride and Republican Jeb Bush, with each one lobbing sharp criticism at the other's approach to improving the public schools during the first televised debate of the governor's race.

Fielding a wide swath of videotaped questions from Floridians, the candidates repeatedly put the spotlight on public school class sizes, teacher salaries, student testing and the economy in a somewhat cordial head-to-head encounter at a Jacksonville studio where they also handled topics like prescription drug coverage for seniors, crime, election reform, growth and child welfare concerns.

Bush repeatedly painted McBride as a liberal lawyer, too close to teacher unions, too eager to raise taxes, and too vague on how he'll pay for his promises.

"My opponent wants to go back to the old way, excuses, the system will control him," Bush said. "He's had great support from the union bosses, but that's not what's going to improve the quality of education in this state."

McBride described Bush as out of touch with parents and teachers who oppose his student testing and school-grading policies, and said the governor lacks concern for Floridians who are struggling to get by in a slow economy.

"It's almost like the governor is on another planet," McBride jabbed. "It's almost like the governor doesn't get out and talk to people much."

Beyond the issues, the hour-long, prime-time debate — the first of three scheduled face-to-face encounters — showed most of all that these two politicians really don't seem to like one another very much.

Neither candidate landed any knockout blows, but neither appeared much at ease near the other as they were forced to stand just steps apart for the first time in their nationally watched 2002 campaign. Florida proved the key state in the election of George Bush as president, and the state has benefited from a number of federal government decisions made since Bush took office.

The candidates described Florida in vastly different ways. Bush cast it as a state on the upswing, holding its own and growing economically with vital needs met and crime rates down. McBride said the state has fallen behind in key measures dealing with the children, the poor and teacher salaries.

Throughout the debate, McBride, a Tampa lawyer making his first run for statewide office, and anxious to shed his political newcomer status, repeatedly tried to steer the discussion to his concerns about the Bush-backed state policy of grading schools based on student test scores, which he said punishes schools that need the most help.

"The governor has had no plan to pay for class size reductions. This is a late-selection epiphany. As recently as late summer, he said class size didn't matter."

Bush repeatedly tried to tag McBride's campaign to a proposed constitutional amendment to reduce class sizes that has been given a price tag ranging from \$10 billion to \$27 billion.



Mitt Romney

BOSTON (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Mitt Romney, in an apparent effort to woo female voters, is turning on the sex appeal.

One of People Magazine's 50 most beautiful people, Romney appears barechested in a swim suit in a new television ad in which he and his wife speak tenderly about their courtship.

The telegetic former Winter Olympics chief also invited reporters and photographers last week to watch him run along the Charles River with his dog and one of his five sons.

"What is he running for, prom king or governor?" said Sue Harvey, a Democratic Party spokeswoman.

Romney, 55, who was known to take bobbed rides and ski the moguls while overseeing the Olympics, is downplaying the new strategy. And his campaign denies it's an overt attempt to attract the female voter — which will be a key factor in the Nov. 5 election.

Romney's Democratic opponent, state Treasurer Shannon O'Brien, scoffed at his focus on the physical. "Rather than having the pretty pictures, rather



Mitt Romney and wife

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Fate of missing Florida girl remains an enigma

MIAMI (AP) — Rilya Wilson should be turning 6 today, but the little girl whose disappearance went unnoticed by the state's child welfare agency has been gone so long, officials fear she may never have even turned 5.

The case threw a spotlight on the state Department of Children & Families, leading top child welfare administrators to quit and a blue-ribbon committee to examine the agency.

But six months after the agency reported Rilya missing — and 20 months after her caregiver says she last saw her — the \$75,000 reward for finding the little girl remains unclaimed, and no criminal charges have been filed.

"The compelling nature of the unknown — whether she lives or not, where she is, under what circumstances, are there others who may be in similar peril —" made Rilya an archetype for vulnerable children, said Jack Levine, president of the advocacy group Center for Florida's Children.

Rilya's caregivers say she was taken by DCF staff in January or February 2001. She was formally reported missing last April when the state realized visitation records had been falsified for months.

Her caregivers, sisters Pamela and Geraldyn Graham, attracted immediate scrutiny. Pamela had custody of Rilya. But Geraldyn, who has a history of fraud, said she turned the girl over to the DCF visitor. Geraldyn said she was Rilya's grandmother until court records identified someone besides her as the girl's father.

Another Graham sister, Bonnie, said her sisters are still searching for Rilya.

"The family's going through a real rough time," she said. "I

and legal work is nearly complete on the other."

Gov. Jeb Bush's blue-ribbon committee appointed to examine DCF's shortcomings in dealing with Rilya and other children is to hold a final meeting in January.

"The Rilya Wilson case highlighted what the department faces, how it's doing, what it needs to do better," said committee chairman David Lawrence. "The good news, frankly, is that it is clear that there is visible progress on the basis."

The panel blamed Rilya's disappearance on deception by two low-level workers and her caregivers. It recommended 21 short-term priorities and nine long-term objectives for an agency "engulfed in scandal."

Last week, a new nonprofit watchdog group called Florida's Children first announced it had formed to scrutinize the child welfare system through education, lobbying and lawsuits.

The circle of interests is widening, and the commitments being made by candidates and office holders are heightening," Levine said. "This is high-stakes poker, and little Rilya Wilson was the ante."

White House rejects strict exposure limits for coal miners

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has rejected a proposal that would impose stricter health standards for coal and metal miners who are exposed to carcinogens and other hazardous substances while on the job.

The 13-year-old plan would have updated current standards, set in 1972, to broaden respiratory protections for miners and increase the frequency of monitoring for unsafe exposure to chemicals. It is the latest of at least 14 mining safety standards that have been denied by the Bush administration over the last year, union officials said.

The decision by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration to reject the health protections was the "result of changes in agency priorities," according to a notice published in the Federal Register, which monitors changes

in federal agencies. Union officials representing coal miners nationwide said they were angered, but not surprised, by the decision to eliminate a plan that was first proposed in 1989 and has since been held up by bureaucratic red tape. Joe Main, administrator of health safety for the United Mineworkers of America, said MSHA has consistently rejected proposals to update standards that would better protect miners' health, but has embraced plans advocated by mine operators.

"We're very concerned," Main said Thursday, after the announcement. "This is one of many workers' safety rules that have been in the hopper, that have been jerked off the list since this administration has taken over. You can only look at this in disgust."

The union is considering legal action against MSHA, Main said.

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Bravado, caution mark city's feelings on Iraq

Chicago Tribune

Iraq rejects proposal - A1

OMAHA, Neb. — Ken Wohlers thinks Saddam Hussein is a very dangerous man who needs to be removed from power. But he lies in bed at night worrying that a pre-emptive U.S. strike against the Iraqi leader may be wrong.

"My religion says, 'Thou shalt not kill,' and I guess I think that means you don't go after people who haven't gone after you. Yet I feel the evil needs to be done away with," said Wohlers, 68, a retired salesman.

Brent Stacy, 39, safety director for a Nebraska trucking company, has no such scruples. "We can't sit back and wait for things to happen, letting them come at us like they did Sept. 11," said the father of two. "If we can prevent anything terrible from happening by taking the initiative, we should go ahead and do it."

Diana Abbott, 50, said she remembers the lessons of Pearl Harbor and quotes an old saying when asked about a possible war with Iraq: "Fooled once, shame on you. Fooled twice, shame on me."

The rules have changed, she says. "It's time to stop being Mr. Nice." At lunch tables, coffeehouses and classrooms across America, citizens these days are grappling intensely with questions of war, foreign policy and America's role in the world. Like these Omaha residents, people are asking whether the Bush administration's new doctrine of pre-emption — of striking first, before others have a chance to launch devastating attacks against America — is right, morally or strategically.

What kind of example will this set for other countries, they wonder. Who will decide when a threat is serious enough and imminent enough to justify action?

In dozens of interviews with people in this conservative Midwestern city last week, ambivalence about this major foreign-policy shift and the prospect of war with Iraq in gen-

eral emerged in sharp relief. While polls indicate about two-thirds of Americans favor military action to remove Hussein, people express significant reservations when they begin to consider a pre-emptive strike or acting without the support of allies and the United Nations.

The conversations occurred as Democrats resisted the president's call for Congress to quickly endorse military action, the UN Security Council continued deliberations over sending inspectors to Iraq and British Prime Minister Tony Blair presented his case that Hussein was a growing threat.

One's is needed in America's heartland, home to the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base. It is here that President Bush came the day of the terrorist attacks, seeking a temporary safe harbor. Now, as Bush contemplates a pre-emptive war on a new front, some Americans see a new analogy with Pearl Harbor — this time with the U.S. launching a surprise attack to protect itself from a dangerous power. George Bialac, 63, who sells construction products, found himself following the week's events with mounting conviction that the U.S. had to act. "I think the evidence is starting to come out that things are a lot worse over there (in Iraq) than we've allowed ourselves to believe," the lifelong Omaha resident said. "Something has to be done to stop Hussein; he's crazy."

Even so, Bialac finds himself deeply ambivalent about sending U.S. forces to Iraq. "I am not in favor of going to war. Wars are dangerous, people are going to be hurt. You don't know what's going to happen in war; there are no guarantees. But on the other side, how do we get rid of this guy? I don't know another answer," said Bialac, a Republican.

Israeli: Iraq supports terror by Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian militants have been trained in Iraq by a group supported by Saddam Hussein to carry out terror attacks against Israel with the knowledge of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, a senior Israeli official said Saturday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Iraqi-backed Palestinian militants were arrested as they tried to enter Israel recently with plans to carry out attacks at Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport.

Palestinian ties to Iraq and Iran will be the focus of a "60 Minutes" report to be broadcast on CBS Television today.

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President says he's confident Congress will agree on Iraq soon

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush, declaring that "soon we will speak with one voice," said Saturday he is confident of winning congressional approval of a resolution authorizing force against Iraq.

"We refuse to live in this future of fear," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "We are determined to build a future of security and peace for ourselves and for the world."

In recent days, as a few Democratic voices have arisen to counsel caution, the president and his aides have sought to portray White House concessions made earlier in the week to limit the resolution's scope as essentially the last word. A successful vote now is a done deal, the Bush administration is insisting, and will give the president a strong showing on Capitol Hill and the more difficult search for international

consensus and support.

Aimed at winning crucial backing from U.N. Security Council members Russia, France and China, each of which has a veto, a draft of a tough new U.N. resolution from the United States and Britain would give Iraq seven days to agree to its terms. Iraq President Saddam Hussein would then have to reveal quickly all weapons of mass destruction in his arsenal and give inspectors from the United Nations total access to verify the information or face use of "all necessary means" against him, officials said.

For his domestic campaign, Bush picked up a new Democratic supporter Saturday, Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga.

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Family encounters accused robbers while at home

By Alvin J. Lusk
Lusk (Pub.) Journal Staff

NORFOLK - An 86-year-old wife and her husband were in their living room when three men broke into their home and demanded keys to her daughter's 2003 Subaru at gunpoint.

She told the intruders, "I don't have any keys, I don't drive."

Later, when the same man unplugged the telephone near her kitchen and began to pull the wires out of the wall she scolded him.

"I told him not to do that," she said. "But he didn't pay any attention."

Wife or not, Hash and her husband, Philet, who is also 86, were in harm's way and didn't even realize it.



Angel Adams, 2, of Norfolk, Neb., wears a yellow ribbon in her hair Saturday in remembrance of the five victims gunned down during a bank robbery in Norfolk Tuesday.

man then brought her husband into the room.

Said Philet Hash: "They all had guns."

Then another man went downstairs to the basement where her daughter, Jere Anderson, was sleeping. She was up from Kansas City, Mo., on a visit. It was her Subaru. It had about 1,000 miles on the odometer.

"They woke her up. She had a gun in her face," said Frances Hash.

Anderson told them the keys were in her purse.

"The guy made her lay down on the basement floor," said Frances Hash. "She thought that was the end of it."

The intruders forced the couple and their daughter into the kitchen before they left. That's when the tall man ripped the wires out of the wall.

Seconds later they drove off in the Subaru.

A few minutes later, Jere Anderson ran across the backyard (in her pajamas) to get help. She ran into something totally unexpected.

"Police cars were everywhere," Frances Hash said. "Police were standing with 'Followed' on their backs. They just killed five people. What difference would it make if they killed three more," Frances added.

Authorities find mosquitoes with malaria-in-Virginia

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) - Malaria-carrying mosquitoes have been found near the homes of two infected teenagers. Authorities say it is the first case in at least two decades in which malaria was detected in mosquitoes and humans in a U.S. community.

Two pools of malarial mosquitoes were discovered Wednesday near the Potomac River, one 4 miles and the other 6 miles from the Loudoun County homes of the two teenagers, who were diagnosed with malaria over the summer, county officials said.

pulled out a handgun and demanded the keys to the new Subaru in the driveway.

"I wasn't scared," Frances Hash said. "When I saw him I couldn't believe it was happening."

She said a shorter and stockier

Three men who allegedly robbed the U.S. Bank at 13th Street and Eastwell Avenue and killed five people broke into their home looking for a getaway vehicle.

Frances Hash said she was sitting in her living room reading a newspaper when she felt a presence in the room.

"I don't know what caused me to look up," but she did. There was a tall man standing in her living room, she said Friday morning.

In an effort to scare him away, she informed the man that she was not alone, that her daughter and husband were at home, too.

At that moment, two other men came through the back door. (Somehow a cleaning woman who was in the back yard cutting flowers missed seeing them.)

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Assorted fishing tackle - Revelation model 120 semi automatic 22 rifle with scope - Winchester .37 - A10 single shot shotgun - Crossman pellet rifle - Coleman 2500 watt gasoline portable generator

SHOP ITEMS

Craftsman scroll saw - B&D Workmate bench - Foreney 225 amp electric welder - shop grinder - new Karaki gas 6.5 hp portable high pressure washer, used thrice - 2 shop vacuums - electric drills - skill saws - electric chain saw - trimmer chain saw - sibil chain saw - Wagner power sprayer - toolboxes - hammers - pipe wrenches - crescent, box, socket and end wrenches - organizer boxes - B&D jig saw - hand saws - wood and metal drill bits - screwdrivers - handyman jack - portable air compressor - pry bars - drop cords - chisels and punches - grease guns - leg vise - saw horses - Sure Fire battery booster

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FURNITURE

Queen size bed with box springs and mattress - double bed with box springs and mattress - his and hers dresser with matching night stand - entertainment center - large yellow floral wing back couch - Queen size hide a bed - 1950's 5 drawer chest of drawers - 4 drawer chest of drawers - 2 drawer file cabinet - 6 bar stools - platform rocker and ottoman - recliner - assorted end tables and chairs - large display washer - 2 Victorian style mahogany dining table chairs - butcher block type dinette table with leaf and 4 chairs

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TWIN FALLS — In 18 months of meetings with historians, city officials and business people, the city has compiled a list of 85 historically significant names to arrive at this list of suggestions. Here's the historical significance of downtown's proposed street names:

Allen (Currently Eighth Street West and North)
In 1910, Clarence Allen rented the balcony of Walter Pribe's jewelry store, 15 Shoshone St., to run an optometry salon. Allen bought the entire store in 1926 and went into jewelry business. After World War II, sons Charles and Howard bought his Sterling Jewelry store and ran the family business until they retired in 1988. Richard Allen, Clarence Allen's grandson, was president of First Federal Savings Bank until 1990.

Blasbe (Seventh Street West and North)
The tip of a coin brought Clarence E. Blasbe to Twin Falls in 1906. Newspaper publisher Blasbe found a photograph of Twin Falls children to show Easterners — there was more here than sagebrush and coyotes. Blasbe's photograph collection from 1906 to 1939 encouraged people to pack up their families and venture west. Most of the collection can be viewed in the Twin Falls Public Library.

Carry Act (Sixth Street West and North)
The Carry Land Act, written by Sen. Joseph M. Carey of Wyoming, passed in 1894. It provided a way for the federal government to donate 1 million acres of arid land to each state. Each state was to construct irrigation canals and reclaim the land within 10 years. The act set wheels under I.B. Penine's dream — the Twin Falls irrigation project and eventually the city of Twin Falls.

Delweller (Fifth Street West and North)
David Delweller started a business delivering coal with a team of mules in 1921. He sold his company to sons Harry, George and Chris in 1933. The Delweller brothers entered the field of electrical appliances and refrigeration, later adding heating, plumbing and sheet metal. During World War II the Delwellers held 17 U.S. government contracts. After the war, they were recognized for classified work with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Eaton (Fourth Street West and North)
Harry Eaton started his banking career in 1917 as a teller for Twin Falls Bank Co. in 1923 at the corner of Shoshone Street and Main Avenue. He worked his way through the bank's ranks and was promoted to president, then chairman of the board. His son,

Curtis T. Eaton, came into the family business in 1957. Harry Eaton's grandson, Curtis H. Eaton, later joined the banking business.

Frederickson (Third Street West and North)
FREDERICKSON arrived in Twin Falls in the 1930s with a vision of developing an all-new kind of ice cream store. Originally he was hired as the manager of the store. After a slow summer he purchased the store and named it Frederickson Ice Cream Store. Later, on the advice of his father, Frederickson entered the candy business. The Twin Falls candy store still operates today and is known for its chocolates.

Guisasola (Second Street West and North)
SANTA GUIASOLA left her native home in Spain to come to Idaho in 1889. She married John Blasbe in Boise. He was in the sheep business. In 1930, Santa Blasbe found a way to sell as a single mother with children. She was in Twin Falls and started supporting her family by the original Bank & Trust building, hotel and boarding house operation. She opened the Spanish/Beque boarding house on Second Avenue South in the 1930s, managing the house as well as obtaining financing and paying it off.

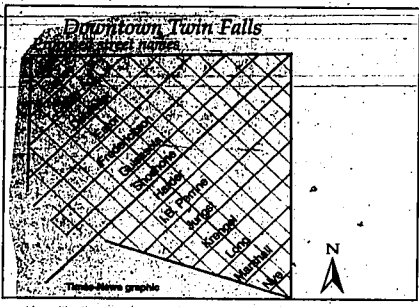
Harder (Second Street South and East)
FREDERICK HARDER (H.F. Harder) — a baker from Germany — arrived in Twin Falls with his family in 1904. Harder opened the first bakery in Twin Falls at 230 Second Ave. E. The Harder Bakery soon was shipping baked goods to surrounding areas. In 1906, Harder built a new store at 117-119 Main Ave. E. He sold the bakery in 1909. Harder stayed in the grocery business, and he was president and owner of the Idaho Wholesale Grocery Co.

I.B. Penine (Third Street South and East)
Ira Burton Penine's cattle led him to the future Twin Falls site in the 1850s. Penine had been providing milk to miners in the Hailey area during the summer. He was looking for winter pasture and moved to the Blue Lakes area at the bottom of the Snake River Canyon. In the canyon, he grew many varieties of fruits and vegetables. Penine started building roads, ran a stagecoach and partnered on a hotel. Then the most extent of his projects began to emerge: an irrigation system to hydrate the parched desert above the canyon rim. Penine is considered by many the father of Twin Falls.

Marshall (Seventh Street South and East)
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nerhips with other area meat markets that eventually evolved into Independent Meat Co. Many government meat contracts were filled in Twin Falls. Jungst started Otto Florence St. as a manager for his meat market, and Florence family members have been in the meat industry for three generations in Twin Falls.

Kregel (Fifth Street South and East)
Emil Ernest Kregel, an 1876 immigrant from Germany, moved to Twin Falls in 1905 and brought his family in 1907. His blacksmith shop grew steadily, but Kregel contracted typhoid fever and died in 1913. Kregel's oldest son, Charles Harwell Kregel, returned to Twin Falls from his job as an engineer with Morrison Knudsen and took over the blacksmith shop to support his mother and younger siblings. He was called up by the National Guard, served in France until 1918, returned home and gradually rebuilt the failing business into a successful heavy hardware store with a machine shop. The Kregels' business still exists as a True Value hardware store.

Long (Sixth Street South and East)
Harry Bailey "H.B." Long's family moved to Twin Falls in 1924 after a fire destroyed their home and left them with only the clothes they were wearing. Long started working for Cochran Brokerage on 117 Shoshone St. S. in the basement of the original Bank & Trust building, buying potatoes, onions and beans for D's brokerage. In 1931 his sons, Jack and Bill, came into the business. A famous photograph taken in 1951 of actress Marilyn Monroe wearing a potato sack was a Long Produce original.

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The men backed off only after Remtmer fired a warning shot, Heidemann and Tuttle's reports say. Remtmer and his attorney later gave a 40-caliber pistol to investigators, the affidavit says. Remtmer filed a valid concealed weapons permit, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

A crime lab X-ray of a two-by-six board taken from an unfinished wall at the bar revealed a slug buried in the wood, according to police documents. Officers also found a spent 40-caliber cartridge casing at the scene, reports say. While he was on his way to the scene at Woody's, Tuttle phoned Remtmer's house and tried to persuade him to come to the police station to make a statement, according to Tuttle's report.

While I was speaking with Remtmer, his speech was slurred and he sounded like he was intoxicated. I asked him if there were any witnesses to the incident, and he told me that the only people involved were the two men that attacked him and himself," Tuttle wrote. Remtmer said he fired a warning shot after two men chased him and tried to rob him, Tuttle wrote. Tuttle reported that as he was clearing the scene at Woody's, he talked to Slette on the phone and arranged for Slette and Remtmer to meet him at the Twin Falls police station, hand over the gun and make a statement.

But when Slette and Remtmer missed the appointment, Tuttle called Slette again about an hour and a half later, Tuttle wrote. "He told me that Remtmer was scheduled to perform surgery at 7:00 hours (7 a.m.), this date and he needed to get some sleep and would not be coming in tonight." Magic Valley Regional spokesman Shawn Bariga said the hospital's surgery schedule is not a public record, and the hospital would not comment on the matter beyond a statement released earlier. That statement expressed support for Remtmer and confidence that "Dr. Remtmer's explanation will answer any questions at the appropriate time and place."

Remtmer, an orthopedic surgeon, is chief of staff at Magic Valley Regional and an ex-officio member of the hospital's governing board. Twin Falls lawyer John Brody — who said he took over as Remtmer's counsel shortly after the incident — also declined to comment.

Heidemann's affidavit gives this account: "Simons told police that he and some friends — including other men who had earlier shaved their heads as a gag went into Woody's late Aug. 19 to play pool. An older man with a shaved head, later identified as Remtmer, complained the younger men on their shaved heads and joined them."

Other members of Simons' group, Corine Vanderham and Shane Wallace, also gave written statements. "Vanderham stated that on the night of the incident, Remtmer was drunk and talked about how he used to go to bars and fight," Heidemann wrote. "He said it had been a while since anything like that had happened, and he was 'in the mood.'" Waljen reported that "Remtmer said that he now keeps a 'little friend' in his car to take care of anyone who thinks they can take him on."

Remtmer bet Simons \$20 on a pool shot, which Simons made. "As Remtmer got up to leave shortly after midnight, Simons asked for his money. Remtmer told Simons to come out to his pickup to get the money. One of Simons' friends, Robert Baier, said he also went outside a short while later. "Simons said once they were at the pickup, Remtmer produced a handgun, shoved it against Simons' chest, held it close to his left ear and said, "Do you really want your twenty (expensive) dollars away?"

Simons said he then heard a "loud pop" and Remtmer put the muzzle against Simons' throat, and then got into his pickup and drove away. Baier later told police he saw Remtmer holding a gun on Simons. As Remtmer drove away, he saw that the pickup had personalized license plates reading "BLUFFED." The plates were later identified as those registered to Remtmer.

Tuttle and other officers on the scene reported seeing a black mark on Simons' neck that looked as if it could have been made by the muzzle of a gun. Heidemann reported that residue from Simons' neck was later sent to a crime lab and tested positive for gunshot residue. Dr. Phillip Nelson, a Magic Valley Regional emergency-room physician, reported that early on Aug. 20, he treated Simons for hearing discomfort and prescribed ear drops and some pain killer. Remtmer has made no formal statements to police, according to Heidemann's affidavit. "It should be noted that Remtmer never came to the police station for an interview, nor has he provided the police with a written statement as to the events that occurred at Woody's Bar."

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Streets

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ple that were very positive about this... We have had some negative feedback," he said. So opposition "is out there. We don't know to what extent."
What McCurdy and his committee have pursued is evidence of support. "They say they have 363 individuals' signatures on petitions in favor of the change."
And their July survey of the business improvement district's members concluded that 35 of the area's businesses supported the proposal completely, 25 somewhat supported it, 25 did not, and seven left the question blank.
The committee's lowest street sign bid pegs the cost for new signs at an average of \$25. For the 157 that would need to be replaced, that's a total cost of \$3,925, McCurdy said.
That doesn't include installation. Downtown leaders hope civic or Scout groups could do the work.

And, of course, the committee can't tabulate the cost to residents and businesses for updating stationery, identification, mailing lists, maps and the like.
According to the downtown Design Committee's analysis, changing just the grid's street names (not the avenues) would alter the addresses of 48 businesses and 93 homes.
"We just want to propose this

and get it on the table so a decision can be made," McCurdy said. If the community doesn't want a change, the Design Committee will move on to another project, he said.
And the committee's top goal is an easier-to-understand grid with some historical interest — not a tribute to particular folks.
"We're not fixed on the names," McCurdy said.

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WEST

Former lawmaker breaks down Wild West icons

Stewart Udall gives credit to common folk: Pioneers, Indians, missionaries



Stewart Udall, former Interior secretary and three-term Arizona congressman, sits in his home in Santa Fe, N.M., Monday.

WASHINGTON (AP) - In movies and television shows, books and sideshows, Western icons like Buffalo Bill Cody and Wyatt Earp are larger than life. Stewart Udall is aiming to cut them down to size.

Lost in the Hollywood hype are the people whom Udall calls the true heroes of the West - the Indians, missionaries, pioneers and farmers who scratched a living out of the West and made settlement of the frontier a reality.

In his new book, "The Forgotten Founders," the former congressman and secretary of the interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson seeks to set the record straight.

At age 82, with failing eyesight making serious research difficult, Udall said it is likely his last book, but one he felt compelled to write, in part to pay tribute to his great-grandparents and thousands like them whose contributions to Western settlement were being overlooked.

"My admiration centers on the courage of families that would load some of their belongings on a wagon and head out into the wilderness," Udall said. "I think that demonstrated a daring and a courage that stamped that generation."

Paul Hutton, a history professor at the University of New Mexico, said most academics agree the Old West has taken on a distorted life of its own, but he doesn't see the love for the legend fading.

"Historians have been trying to move away from that for much of this last century and I think it's a hopeless struggle," he said. "I think the romance of the West is what captured people's imagination."

Udall grew up in the small northeastern Arizona town of St. Johns, where his pioneer ancestors had been sent by Mormon leader Brigham Young to settle. His Mormon roots are prominent

Northwest. "I'm proud of putting religion back in Western history, because it's been largely taken out," Udall said.

But Richard White, a Western history professor at Stanford University, said that, aside from the Mormon example, the religious influence on Western settlement could be easily overstated.

"Religion is important, but I'd say it's less important (in the West) than any other part of the United States," said White.

While praising the hard work of the average Western settlers, Udall resents the glorification of murderous gunslingers and of military atrocities against Indians.

But most notably, Udall heaps scorn on mining barons who wiped away entire mountains, choked rivers and scarred the landscape because of their lust for gold.

"I don't know if anyone has written anything as stern or scathing as I did about the California gold rush," said Udall, who said his perspective as a former interior secretary helped

him understand the damage that was done to the land by unregulated mining.

Udall wrote his first book, "The Quiet Crisis," an analysis of the Cold War's nuclear brinkmanship, during his tenure as interior secretary. He has written five more books since and contributed to numerous others.

Today, he lives in Santa Fe, N.M., and works at his law practice, wrestling with the federal government to win compensation for Navajo Indians sickened by radiation exposure from Cold War-era uranium mining.

Three members of the Udall

family now are in Congress: his son, Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo., and Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., whose mother was a Udall.

Udall hopes readers see his latest work serves as "an antidote" to the warped portrayal that dominates popular perceptions of the West.

"I want them to acquire some of the respect I have for that generation of people. I want them to acquire some insights so they see the Western history plain," Udall said. "I think that's important because the history has been so distorted."

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Small Idaho town sees population swing when tourists come through

ST. CHARLES (AP) — It is hard to tell just how many people live in St. Charles, this hamlet in the far corner of southeast Idaho, just a rock skip from Bear Lake.

When Norma Arnell goes to church in the winter, she sees about 100 regular members of the congregation. On Labor Day weekend, however, more than 1,000 people crowded the church, filling not only the chapel but the classrooms and hallways.

"Every chair in the building was filled and some were standing," Arnell said.

Arnell has lived in St. Charles since 1939. During the 1970s, she and her husband moved to Pocatello for four years, but they never tried to sell their house in St. Charles. "This is home," she said. "We had no intention of leaving for good."

Arnell's husband, Cleneth, is a descendant of one of the founding families of St. Charles. The town was founded in 1864 when Mormon leader Brigham Young sent four families to settle the area.

Arnell remembers when the town had more than 600 people, big enough for its own schoolhouse. Today, the town's official population is just over 150, but in the summer it fills with thousands of campers, boaters, anglers and tourists.

One draw is Minnetonka Cave, managed by the Forest Service in nearby St. Charles Canyon.

The town has changed a lot over the years, Arnell said, but it is still home.

"The lake doesn't change too much," Arnell said. "We love the lake and we love the mountains."

Although some year-round residents find the tourists tiresome,

Arnell doesn't mind the new faces in the summer. She remembers this summer when two girls staying at a nearby RV park wandered over to her home looking for a Band-Aid. They came back everyday for the week they were camping, Arnell said.

"I made friends for life," she said.

Although she likes the tourists, Arnell also loves the peacefulness she feels when winter comes and the tourists pack up and go.

"We welcome them," she said. "We

welcome anyone who comes, and we're glad when they go home."

Some people, like the Pack family, thrive on the tourist trade. The Packs own Minnetonka Market and Cafe, the only store open year-round in the town. The family moved to St. Charles 10 years ago from Idaho Falls.

"St. Charles," Kathy Pack said. "I can't believe we moved to St. Charles."

At first, Pack said, it was hard to live here because she wasn't a local. Today, however, she has found her place in the community. In addition to running the store and cafe, she is a member of the city council.

"You just have to find your little niche," she said. "You have to get involved."

People from all over the world travel through St. Charles and into the Packs' store during the summer. A log next to the cash register shows visitors from

Japan, Russia, Germany and other countries.

During the Winter Olympics, David Pack said, the store saw plenty of visitors from all over the world. "It was amazing, he said. "It was so much fun to get to hear all the stories."

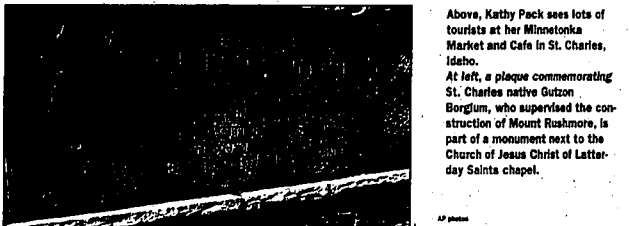
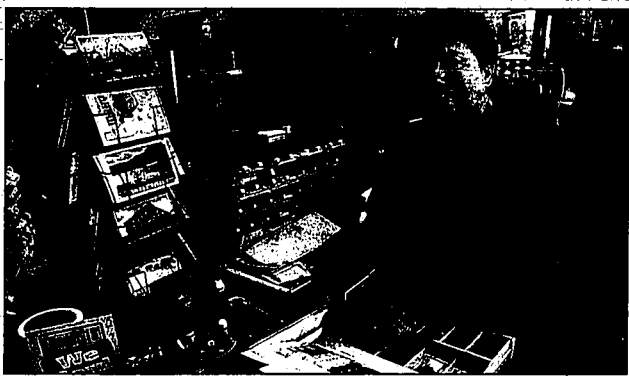
In front of the town's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel, next to a small plaque honoring St. Charles founding fathers, is a large red brick monument honoring Gutzon Borglum, a man most noted for sculpting Mount Rushmore.

Borglum was born in St. Charles March 25, 1867, to Danish Mormon polygamist settlers. The family did not stay in St. Charles long; when Borglum was seven years old they moved to Fremont, Neb.

He studied art in San Francisco and Paris, and carved more than 100 sculptures in his lifetime. His sculpture of President Lincoln, carved from a six-ton piece of marble, is still on display at the Capitol Rotunda in Washington.

The monument to Borglum in St. Charles remains in good condition, although most residents don't know much about the man.

"We've all heard the name and we've heard the story," Norma Arnell said.



Above, Kathy Pack sees lots of tourists at her Minnetonka Market and Cafe in St. Charles, Idaho.

At left, a plaque commemorating St. Charles native Gutzon Borglum, who supervised the construction of Mount Rushmore, is part of a monument next to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel.

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WORLD

Victims of targeted strikes

In the past two years, Israel has killed 78 wanted Palestinians in what the government calls "targeted killings." In the process 52 innocents have also been killed.

Date	Target	Attack	Casualties
May 18, 2001 Nablus	Hamas militant Mahmoud Abu Hanoud	F-16 warplane attacked jail	11 killed, mostly policemen; 30 wounded Target escaped with light injuries.
March 4, 2002 Ramallah	Hamas leader Hussein Abu- Kweik	Tank shelled pickup truck	Wife of militant and three children killed; two children in a second car killed Militant was not in the car.
July 23, 2002 Gaza City	Salah Shehadeh, head of Hamas military wing, and bodyguard Taher Nasser	F-16s struck apartment block	13 bystanders, including nine children killed Shedadeh and bodyguard killed.
Sept. 26, 2002 Gaza City	Hamas bomb maker Mohammed Deif	Helicopter rockets hit car	2 Hamas militants killed; 35 bystanders, including 15 children, wounded Deif's fate is unclear.

SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

AP

Israel's attacks catch civilians in crossfire

JERUSALEM (AP) - When Israeli helicopter gunships zeroed in on the chief Hamas bomb maker, he was stuck in traffic in Gaza City's most crowded neighborhood at a time when students were pouring out of two nearby elementary schools.

Despite the clear risk to civilians, the pilots slammed two missiles into Mohammed Deif's Mercedes. The tally: two dead bodyguards and 35 wounded bystanders, including 15 children. Deif, wanted by Israel for more than a decade, escaped with moderate injuries, according to both Israeli and Palestinian officials.

Israel's desire to settle scores and deter militants often appears to override concern for Palestinian civilians. In the past two years, 52 innocents have been killed along with 78 wanted Palestinians in what the Israeli government calls "targeted killings," according to a count by The Associated Press.

The practice has been widely criticized. In an unusually blunt statement, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan deplored the attack on Deif, suggesting it violated international law by endangering civilians.

The United States, which initially condemned the targeted killings, has softened its position since the terror attack on New York and Washington. U.S. officials now say they respect Israel's right to defend itself, but take it to task for actions in which civilians are killed.

On Friday, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher criticized Thursday's attack for endangering civilians' lives and said Deif should have been brought to justice instead. "We are against targeted killings," Boucher said. "We are against the use of heavy weapons in urban areas, even when it comes to people like Mohammed Deif."

In Israel, criticism is growing louder. Some argue against endangering innocents. "A proper country simply

does not do these things," opposition leader Yossi Sarid said Friday.

Others say killing terrorists is ineffective, since they are usually replaced quickly and also counter-productive: In 1996, Hamas killed scores of Israelis in suicide attacks to avenge Israel's assassination of Deif's mentor, Yehiyeh Ayyash.

But such concerns have often been brushed aside because of Israel's overriding conviction that those who attack its citizens - or Jews anywhere, for that matter - must not get away with it.

That doctrine was behind the kidnapping, trial and execution of Holocaust mastermind Adolf Eichmann in the early 1960s and the systematic killing of Palestinians who took Israeli athletes hostage at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Deif, 37, a master of disguise who has eluded Israel for more than a decade, was a tempting target. An expert bomb maker who Israel says was responsible for scores of suicide bombings, he has become a Palestinian legend, a symbol of resistance.

"Even if he (Deif) were now a pensioner and no longer a 'ticking bomb,' he would still be worth killing," Fishman wrote in the Yedioth Achronot daily. "Israel has hunted him down in order to prove that even years later, there is no mercy for murdering Jews. This was true in Munich and it is true now in Gaza."

An Israeli Cabinet minister maintains the determination to kill Deif was tempered by some concern about civilian casualties.

Sports Minister Matan Vilnai, a former deputy military chief of staff, said Deif could have been eliminated with great certainty had the air force dropped a large bomb instead of firing two laser-guided rockets.

"That would have killed him without a doubt, along with dozens of people around him," Vilnai said. "I'm convinced - though I wasn't there - that the security forces considered such an option and ruled it out."

Divers rush to retrieve remains from sinking ferry

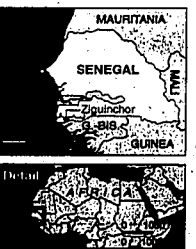
DAKAR, Senegal (AP) - Search teams brought back the first dead Saturday from a capsized ferry and rushed to retrieve the remains of hundreds of other victims before the vessel sank into the ocean.

More than 760 passengers and crew are believed to have perished when the crowded MS Joola, a state-run Senegalese ferry, heaved to its side shortly before midnight Thursday in a fierce storm.

Only 62 people are known to have survived, all rescued in the first hours. Thirty-five were taken to hospitals in Senegal, and 27 others were brought to hospitals in the neighboring country of Gambia, military police Commandant Matar Kane said.

"It was horrible, because we were hearing people screaming from underneath," said one survivor, Senegalese Moussa Ndong, speaking from his hospital ward. "The boat went down so fast. It was so unbelievable - in just three minutes, the boat went down."

Search boats refused to the port in Senegal's capital, Dakar, with 160 bodies so far. Three bodies were later found on the



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

AP former British colony of Gambia, a thin strip of a nation that divides north and south Senegal.

Two Europeans, their country of origin unknown, were among the bodies retrieved so far while the others were believed to be mostly Senegalese, Kane said Saturday at Dakar's main naval base.

Grim-faced crowds waited by the hundreds outside the base's closed gates Saturday. As the sun rose, glare and heat beat down on them.

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GENERAL SURGEON

We are pleased to announce the addition of a general surgeon to St. Benedict's medical staff. Dr. Ryan Hardy was born in Wyoming and raised in Boise, and received his MD from Georgetown University School of Medicine. He will be joining the 5th Avenue Surgery Clinic in October after he completes his service as Chief of Surgery with the US Air Force at the 355th Medical Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. Dr. Hardy is married to Sabra Hardy who is originally from



Shelley, Idaho. They have two daughters and one son, Marin age 10, Carlin age 8 and Jackson age 6. Their hobbies and interests include: water skiing, snow skiing, basketball, literature and church activities.

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Mandela, Clinton help raise AIDS awareness

ORANGE FARM, South Africa (AP) — Nelson Mandela and former President Clinton spoke with 'South African youth Saturday to boost AIDS awareness and prevention.

Clinton and Mandela, the former president of South Africa, greeted a roaring crowd in the township of Orange Farm, south of Johannesburg.

An estimated 4.7 million South Africans — one in nine — is HIV positive, more than any other country in the world.

The former leaders listened to a group of young South Africans talk about their efforts to boost awareness of the deadly HIV virus that has killed so many of their friends.



Former South African President Nelson Mandela and former President Bill Clinton sit together at an event to raise AIDS awareness at Orange Farm, a township about 38 miles south of Johannesburg, Saturday.

"Young people are the people dying most everyday ... you need to involve us because we are the future," John Ntsele, 18, told the

pair as Clinton sat with his arm around Mandela.

Clinton told the gathering at a center of JobLife, South Africa's national HIV prevention program for young people, that since leaving office, the dual issues of AIDS prevention and youth community action have become his top priorities.

"You represent the two things I believe are critical to all of Africa's future," Clinton told the crowd.

The South African government has come under widespread criticism for not doing enough to combat the epidemic and failing to provide access to AIDS drugs through the public health system.

Ex-prime minister admits to affair

LONDON (AP) — After a series of Cabinet sex scandals helped topple his government, former Prime Minister John Major admitted Saturday to a four-year affair with a colleague while both were married.

Edwina Currie, a flamboyant backbench lawmaker and later health minister in Margaret Thatcher's government, was quoted by The Times newspaper as saying she and Major began a relationship in 1984, while he was a Parliamentary whip, and ended it shortly after his promotion in 1988 to Thatcher's Cabinet.

Major, a Conservative, was prime minister from 1990 until 1997. He was long considered one of Britain's most personally upright politicians.

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Events & Education at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center October 2002

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Monday, October 28, 7:00 pm
St. Luke's MSTI Twin Falls Cancer Center Reception Area

Free Breast Screening Education Program. The Facts About Breast Care. Learn the facts about early detection of breast cancer, self breast exam, examination by clinical specialist, and information about mammography. This program is offered free to all women (no age limit) through Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

CPR Class

This class is offered to the community under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adult and infant. The program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2007.

Fee: \$25.00
Monday, October 7, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Doctors Meeting Room

Saturday, October 19, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Doctors Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 30, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Doctors Meeting Room

Living Through Cancer Support Group * This is an ongoing group open to the community and all current cancer patients. Cancer survivors and their caregivers are also invited to attend. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope, and humor to those dealing with cancer. For more information contact Andy Hall at 737-2800.

Monday, October 14, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - TCU West Conference Room

To register for any of the classes contact, 737-2900. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Interpreter services are available, contact Malena Rodriguez at 737-2163. Servicio de Interpretes disponible, por favor comuniquese con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al numero 737-2163.

Infant CPR Class

Offered as part of the Prepared Childbirth Course, new parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR, and what to do if the infant should choke. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. Pre-registration is not required.

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Thursday, October 31, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Prepared Childbirth Course * A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post-partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle-feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$40.00
Thursdays, October 3 - October 31, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Wednesdays, October 16 - November 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Tuesdays, October 29 - November 26, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Big Kids Klub * A class designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby.

Fee: \$7.50/family with one child \$10/family with two or more children
Saturday, October 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Doctors Meeting Room

Cesarean Childbirth Class * This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries, post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, and non-conforming labors. Pre-registration is not required.

Fee: \$15.00
Thursday, October 17, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Childbirth Refresher Course * This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$15.00
Thursday, October 10, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room

Loving Touch Right from the Start * How to give an infant massage with special techniques for gas and colic. Instructor, Susan Beck will lead you through the steps. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information call 737-2900.

Fee: \$30.00 per person
Session 2: September 24, October 2, October 9 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Women's Health Services, 224 Martin Street

Education and Support Group for Non-Offending Parents of Child Victims

A new resource sponsored by Child Trauma Recovery Resources is available for families who have experienced child sexual abuse. The goal of this ten-week course is to engage parents in the healing process for their child and family. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information call 737-2600.

Wednesdays, September 25 - October 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
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Fee: \$80.00 for 8-week program (payment options available)
Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 15 - December 10, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Downtown Campus - 660 Shoshone Street (basement conference room)

Back to School-Dealing with Mental Health Issues for Children and Adolescents
Dr. Rick Yarnon, a community Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist will discuss several behavioral health issues and solutions for children and their parents, including topics like ADHD and depression. No registration required. Refreshments and give-aways for all attendees.

October 16 - 6:30 pm.
KNVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. North

Baby Steps - Beyond Pregnancy * The newborn you are supposed to feed, change, calm, clean and care for - it can be overwhelming for new parents. Come share and learn with other parents all about your child and meet other new parents! Expecting parents and parents with newborns to one year olds are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$10.00 per family
October 21, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center - Sage Room



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EDITORIAL

Kempthorne too stingy? Report says otherwise

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has taken plenty of hard knocks about the state's budget crisis and his fiscal policies. Apparently, he's not the only governor getting kicked around.

A new study by the Cato Institute, a nonpartisan think tank that's big on limited government, says state governments are facing a combined budget gap of more than \$40 billion in 2002 - and most of it was their own fault. Excessive spending during times of plenty has put state budgets deep in the red, now that times are tough.

The Cato study includes its sixth biennial fiscal policy report card, which rates governors according to their fiscal management over the past two years. The study's goal is to "assess the policies of each governor from the taxpayer's perspective."

It gives lower grades for those governors who spend more taxpayers' money and pass higher taxes to keep government growing. It awards higher grades to those who keep spending in check and hold tax rates in line with inflation and population growth.

Just as he did in the 2000 report, Kempthorne earned a C. Nothing to celebrate, but not too shabby, either. The only governors with A's were Colorado's Bill Owens and Florida's Jeb Bush. Only 11 governors got B's; Kempthorne was among nine with C grades.

A whopping 16 governors got D marks, while four governors - including Democrats Gray Davis of California and John Kitzhaber of Oregon - got F's. Kempthorne's C was above average.

The report card is brutally honest about the spending habits of governors - including Kempthorne: We've included the study's individual analysis of Kempthorne on this page.

The report is harsh on Idaho's governor - but for reasons entirely different from the arguments being made by Kempthorne's Idaho critics.

It assails his early-term spending habits, criticizing his early resistance to tax cuts and his hefty spending on education. This was all done in the waning days of Idaho's big economic boom.

But the study also recognizes Kempthorne's recent efforts to give tax relief, spur economic development, and observe more fiscal restraint in 2002. It also recognizes that "spending growth is the

Overall fiscal policy grades
(Western states only)

Governor & State	Score	Grade
Bill Owens (R), Colo.	76	A
Gary Johnson (R), N.M.	60	B
Bill Locke (D), Wash.	60	B
Judy Martz (R), Mont.	58	B
Dirk Kempthorne (R), Idaho	53	C
Jim Gentger (R), Wyo.	52	C
Jane Hull (R), Ariz.	49	D
Mike Levitt (R), Utah	48	D
Gray Davis (D), Calif.	42	F
John Kitzhaber (D), Ore.	30	F

Source: Cato Institute

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source of the fiscal problem in Boise" - and that dipping into savings - not budget austerity - is keeping Idaho government afloat.

In short, while Idaho Democrats hammer Kempthorne for "spending" money on a tax cut, the Cato authors applaud him for getting it right after years of real spending on program growth.

We couldn't agree more. Liberals have flogged Kempthorne and the Idaho Legislature for cutting taxes in good times and slashing spending in bad times. But those critics have it backward. If Idaho leaders deserve criticism, it's for not cutting enough.

The report adds that Idaho's real per capita spending increase was 38 percent from 1991 to 2000. That spending growth ranks 21st among all states during that period.

How can state governments solve their budget problems? The answer is to continue reining in spending and to resist tax hikes. The report says, "During economic slowdowns, it makes sense for governors to enact pro-growth tax cuts ... to revitalize state economies."

Raising taxes, on the other hand, has historically made state budget crises worse. Kempthorne is one of the governors considering tax increases to get out of this budget problem. But it's an illusion to think we can tax our way back to prosperity when money is short for taxpayers.

Perhaps Idaho leaders should note the advice of Colorado Gov. Owens, who scored highest among all governors on the report and who has kept his state in healthy financial condition.

"States do not have a revenue problem," Owens said. "They have an overspending problem."



Scale back excessive disclosure forms

Academics are never more useful than when they are taking on conventional wisdom and tearing it apart.

That is exactly what C. Michael Mackenzie, a professor of government at Colby College in Maine, has done in a delightful new paperback titled "Scandal Proof: Do Ethics Laws Make Government Ethical?"

Published by Brookings, the small volume subjects the whole issue of ethics in government - a topic almost guaranteed to produce platitudes and high-minded sentiment - to critical, even skeptical scrutiny.

With the help of Brookings Institution research analyst Michael Holcomb, Mackenzie peels back the geological layers of laws and regulations under which federal employees - especially presidential appointees - are expected to function.

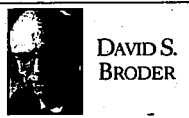
Through most of our history, people were vetted for even the top-most positions in the bureaucracy by a political process - clearance by the White House and confirmation by the Senate.

The process began to change, he says, when President Eisenhower instituted FBI background checks for people going into national security posts. Since then, almost every president has added to the complex web of forms that must be filled out, disclosures that must be made, investigations completed and regulations mastered before anyone can occupy a position of trust in the government.

The motive, as Mackenzie says, is "the standard presidential leapfrog of trying to appear above reproach by imposing higher standards than one's predecessors."

Congress has added its own layers of complexity, responding to or lessening the damage with a legislative remedy - often, as was the case after Watergate, of dubious relevance to the crimes that had been committed.

The net result of all this is real-



DAVID S. BRODER

ly mind-boggling. I did not know, for example, that each year 280,000 federal employees have to file personal financial disclosure forms. The paperwork and investigations now routine are so cumbersome, Mackenzie says, that "you can bicycle across the country, build a boat or have a baby in less time than it takes a new president to get his average appointee into office."

To what end? In five years, only 405 individual financial disclosure forms were ever inspected by any member of the public. There were few conflict-of-interest situations involving public employees before this half-century regulatory binge, and there are few now. There is "little evidence that government integrity is greater today" and, sadly, abundant polling that shows a sharp decline in public trust in government.

The costs of this binge are high. Start with the hours and dollars spent filling out these forms and conducting these background investigations. Add in the reluctance - or outright refusal - of many talented private-sector people to endure the humiliation of turning their lives inside out in order to work for their government.

Mackenzie also notes that ethics regulations have become a favorite tool "for attacking, harassing, embarrassing and weakening incumbent officials" and he makes one other telling point. Because the whole premise of this process is the suspicion of individual dishonesty, when an ethics violation does occur, the response is in pillory,

prosecute or purge the individual miscreant. Those in charge - ultimately, the president - disavow the culprit but typically are not held responsible for the misjudgment that led to his or her appointment. Thus, Mackenzie says, this legalistic approach to ethics actually has weakened the political accountability, enforced by elections, on which the Founders believed the good behavior of government officials depended.

His recommendations are as bracing as his analysis. Keep enacting a tough code of conduct for government employees and keep training new employees in those standards. But scrap the public financial disclosure forms for all but the highest presidential appointees and end all financial disclosure for career bureaucrats. Simplify those forms, too, so people merely list their significant holdings, rather than give their dollar value. In other words, provide a zone of privacy such as the rest of us enjoy.

And cut way back on FBI investigations. Limit them to people with national security duties and let the agents not to ask about medical or marital history, personal reputation or character. Let those making the appointments be the judges of character - and let them take political responsibility for their errors.

This is radical stuff, but it makes sense. I have only one serious disagreement with Mackenzie. When it comes to political campaign finance, he wants more and tighter regulations, seeming to think that the remedies that he has exposed as failures in government ethics can be roaring successes in this related field.

But cheers for his having told us that the emperor of government ethics regulation has no clothes.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

Spending saps state budgets

Against the backdrop of the worst state budget crunch in years, this report presents the findings of Cato Institute's sixth biennial fiscal policy report card on the nation's governors. The report card's grading is based on 17 objective measures of each governor's fiscal performance. Governors who have cut taxes and spending the most receive the highest grades. Those who have increased spending and taxes receive the lowest grades.

STEPHEN MOORE AND STEPHEN SLIVINSKI

This year, two governors receive the highest grade of A: Bill Owens of Colorado and Jeb Bush of Florida. Four governors receive the lowest grade of F: Gray Davis of California, Don Sundquist of Tennessee, Bob Taft of Ohio, and John Kitzhaber of Oregon.

The governors of some of America's most populous states and their grades are: George Pataki of New York, B; George Ryan of Illinois, D; and John Engler of Michigan, B.

State governments faced a combined budget gap of more than \$40 billion in 2002, largely as a result of an overspending binge in the 1990s.

Most governors will confront more tough budget choices in 2002. We hope that governors do not make the mistake of raising taxes to try to balance budgets, as many did in the economic slowdown of the early 1990s. Instead, by reducing spending and cutting tax rates, governors can return their states to fiscal and economic health. If they do, we will have many high grades to reward on the next Cato fiscal report card.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho Grade: C

Former Senator Dirk Kempthorne is probably best known as a defender of the Tenth Amendment and traditional notions of federalism.

Kempthorne's philosophy is that "power belongs locally, not the federal government." That admirable dedication to states' rights may explain why he surrendered his Senate seat in Washington to return to Boise and run for governor.

Unfortunately, his policies as governor have been somewhat schizophrenic and his fiscal record mixed. He supported the most expensive education bill in Idaho history, raised a series of licensing fees, initially resisted the legislature's call for broad-based income tax cuts, and supported an increase in the state's minimum wage. He inherited a \$100 million budget surplus and spent nearly 80 percent of it.

But lately his record has improved. In 2001 he called for a small cut in income tax rates (0.1 percentage point), a reduction in business income taxes, a tax rebate, a lower food tax on seniors, and various tax credits for economic development. The Republican legislature passed a tax bill that cut taxes over far more than the governor had proposed by reducing corporate and individual income tax rates by 0.4 percentage points.

Kempthorne signed that bill. Now, even as the deficit has emerged, Kempthorne has vowed to protect the tax credits from legislators who would scale it back to balance the budget. Spending growth is the source of the fiscal problem in Boise. After nearly double-digit annual growth in the budget in the late 1990s, there were signs of modest fiscal restraint from the governor's office in 2002, as can be seen by Kempthorne's call for a living wage. However, most of the money for balancing the budget this year came, not from needed budget austerity, but rather from depleting the rainy day fund. Hence, state budget problems have been swept into 2003.

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Commissioners should explain clinic purchase

On Sept. 6, I attended the budget hearing and asked commissioners about the purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic, Idaho State Code 31-807, says, "The Commissioners are authorized to purchase, receive by donation, or lease any real or personal property necessary for use by the County, preserve, or take care of property. No real property may be purchased unless it has been assessed by three disinterested citizens of the county and the purchase price must not exceed appraised value."

Everyone I talk to wants to know why it was necessary to buy the clinic to lose that property tax revenue and to have so many clinic's employees lose their employment.

Commissioner Brockman stated that would be answered by the hospital board and requested my question in writing to be referred to that board for an answer.

- The questions I would like answered are:
1. Why was it necessary for the county of Twin Falls to purchase the Twin Falls Clinic?
 2. Why was the purchase benefit the citizens of the county?
 3. Who are the three disinter-

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ested citizens of the county that appraised the value of the clinic?

4. What was the appraised value found by each of the three disinterested citizens?

This letter was submitted to the commissioners on Sept. 26. The answers to these questions will be printed in *The Times-News* letter to the editor when I receive it, that we might all have a better understanding of why it was necessary.

Since the hospital is a county health care facility, the hospital board is responsible to the county commissioners. I find it hard to believe the commissioners could not or would not answer the above questions. Since they had the final say on the purchase of the clinic and why it was necessary.

- I have talked to many people throughout the county these past few months. Here are some more questions and concerns:
1. The confined animal feeding operation as opposed to traditional family farms, dairies and ranches.
 2. The CAPOs vs. county residents.
 3. The handling of the new county jail.
 4. The quality - high nitrogen levels. We have a commissioner on the Department of Environmental Quality.

Committee. We have a "Volunteer Management Plan" for all county wells and septic systems. Has this knowledge been made public?

5. The pay and benefits of the people that protect us; the Twin Falls County Sheriff's employees.

WARD J. MEIERS
Buhl
(Editor's note: Howard Meiers is a Democratic candidate for Twin Falls County commissioner.)

Blinken's drug plan won't benefit seniors

I read the recent *Times-News* story about New York millionaire Alan Blinken and his idea for pharmaceutical companies with interest. Let me see if I understand his proposal.

He wants to eliminate the generic drug companies from competition. Extend the patents for the drug companies and leave it up to them to keep prices lower for seniors. I'm not sure, but this doesn't sound like it's good for seniors. Maybe that's because (according to this same story) Blinken is on one of the drug company boards. Maybe the proposal does make sense to Blinken.

VERB PERKINS
Buhl

Toogood case may be happening elsewhere

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Why have we all been so fascinated by Madeline Gorman Toogood, the hapless mother who was caught on video as she beat her child in an Indiana parking lot?

According to experts on children and parenting, it may be at least partly because we fear that with a gentle nudge further, we might have a Toogood moment with our children.

KATHLEEN MEGAN

or perhaps we already have. But experts agree that there is a vast difference between a spank or two in a parking lot and the sort of pummeling that Toogood is accused of inflicting.

Toogood has said her 4-year-old child had been acting up inside a department store before the incident. She has said that she "was horrified and sick to my stomach and mortified" when she saw the tape of herself striking her child in the sports utility vehicle outside the store.

Dr. Steven Marans, the director of the National Center for Children Exposed to Violence at the Yale Child Study Center, said such a loss of control is usually "reflective of a range of possible problems that an individual adult parent is having."

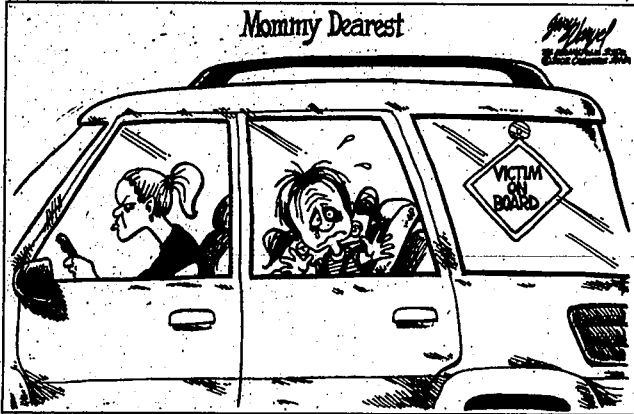
The problem is, Marans said, that children become "points of displacement for (a parent's) own symptoms of depression, helplessness or despair."

These kinds of behavior offer the opportunity to "recognize that problems require intervention," said Marans. "When bad days lead to brutal beatings, it's time to look at the source."

Most of the experts interviewed said they believe that the abuse of children in America is under-reported.

John Rosemond, a family psychologist and author of many books on parenting, says, "This sort of thing is happening off-camera all over America."

"This woman acted monstrously. I would not personally be willing to judge her a monster, but I think that in America right now, we need scapegoats. People who do the sort of thing she did in public make the rest of us feel we're



not quite as bad. "I'm not trying to justify (her actions) ... but I think we can safely assume that she is not the only parent in America who has done this same sort of thing."

Patricia Leebens, director of psychiatry for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, said that often it is the "very isolated parent, who is stretched thin, overwrought with no relative support network" who may be more likely to lose control.

She said that it is key that parents begin to develop the ability to know when they are really getting mad and need to step back for a moment or two to regain control.

Rosemond said he believes that beneath "the surface of parenting in America, there is a tremendous amount of stress and frustration," because parents do not know how to effectively discipline their children.

Rosemond has written extensively about how the family has shifted from being adult-centered to being child-centered—resulting in out-of-control children.

"When you feel like you're at the end of your rope, it's time to

assess what it is you are doing as a parent," said Rosemond.

Marans said he can't think of a time in history when parenting has "been easy and without demands and without crises. ... Anyone feeling they have the license to discharge their own frustrations and limitations by hurting and humiliating their children is in need of help."

What about spanking? Some experts, like Rosemond, are quite enthusiastic about the benefits of a swat or two on the rump for catching a child's attention.

Rosemond, in fact, admits to having his own parking lot moments with his children when he spanked them once or twice after they behaved badly in a store. Once the child had calmed down, he brought the child back into the store.

Leebens said the trouble with spanking is that it can get out of control.

She said it's also highly associated with lower self-esteem, with initiating a cycle of violence in families and with teaching children to resolve conflicts with their fists instead of talking.

"The United States and the United Kingdom are the only two so-called civilized countries where corporal punishment isn't flat-out illegal," said Leebens.

Here are suggested strategies and actions to help parents keep from losing control.

The first step—and perhaps the most essential preventive—is realizing when you are getting out of control. Once, you have that self-awareness that you can begin to manage yourself and the situation.

Call timeout for you and your child. Put your child safely in his or her room—if the child is old enough for this—and go to the other end of the house to calm down. Remind yourself that you are the adult and that you love this child. When your head is cooler, return and talk to your child about what happened.

Call a neighbor or friend to come over. You may want to talk or go for a drive.

Get help if it's a recurring problem. A parent may find a family therapist or call a child guidance center.

Kathleen Megan is a staff writer for The Hartford Courant.

Check to be sure your local doctor is 'in network'

Time to vent. I had a mammogram at the Twin Falls hospital and was asked by the radiologist, "Why do I have my yearly mammogram done in Salt Lake City?" I gave him my only reason. I had lived there for 25 years and it was just easier to have the exam done where all my films were on record.

But this time I needed a follow up to my yearly mammogram and I decided it was more convenient to use the facilities in Twin Falls instead of traveling to Salt Lake City for the additional exam. Bad idea. The hospital is covered as a Preferred Provider Organization with my insurance. But guess what? Neither the surgeon or the radiologist that performed the procedures in the Twin Falls hospital are covered as a PPO "in network" provider. It would have been cheaper to drive to Salt Lake City, have the follow-up mammogram, the breast biopsy, stay in Salt Lake City and drive home after the procedure. At least there I would have been covered by "in network" physicians.

I have found out that just because a physician uses the hospital does not mean that he is also a PPO. Now after trying the

facilities in Twin Falls, I get to pay an extra 20 percent of my bill instead of my insurance company paying the additional 20 percent. Ask your doctor if he or she is "in network" with your policy's Preferred Provider Organization before doing any procedure. I made an expensive assumption and would like to prevent anyone else from entering into the same situation.

LOUISE PERRY
Jerome.

U.S. shouldn't initiate war against other nations

What is this that we must attack Iraq? When is it justifiable to initiate war? When we fear what another nation might do?

Perhaps if the threat were from a powerful enemy that could overturn us if they could surprise us, but Iraq? If we think Iraq might injure us, we should be ready to retaliate, but there is no justification to initiate. That is a notion that arises out of the hubris of imagined invincibility. We are not omnipotent, immaculate or infallible.

I am not the captain of the ship, so if it is war I can only say, eye for eye, but it is wrong, and I am a reluctant party to it.

TED QUIGLEY
Buhl

Breaking down icons

Former lawmaker Stewart Udall prefers common pioneers and Indians to Wyatt Earp and Buffalo Bill Cody.

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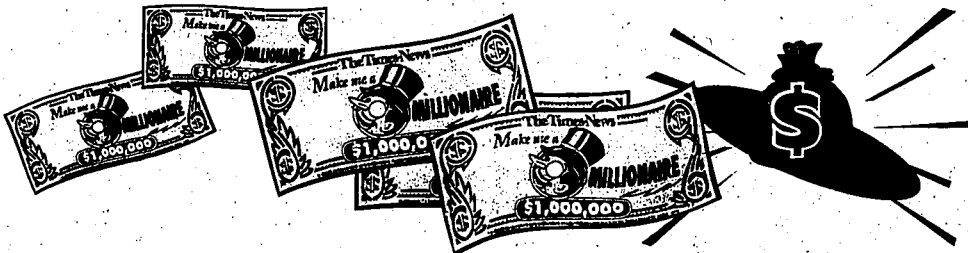
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It's time to brag about your couch

If you've read this column before, you know that I stand second to no one in my appreciation for ugly sofas. They are, in my view, an Idaho art form, the deft combination of blinding fabrics and utter neglect, particularly when they're kept on an uncovered porch or, better still, a front lawn.

I have been in homes both grand and humble in this great state, and I'm pleased to report that rarely do Idahoans resort to good taste when it comes to selecting a divan.

Amongst the First Annual Don't Ask Me Ugly Couch Contest.

We're looking for unfortunate plaids and jaw-dropping stripes -- or any combination of both. Patches and stained stuffing and springs are good. Bonus points for duct tape.

Double bonus if the sofa is actually outdoors.

Send a photo of the couch -- in color, preferably -- to Don't Ask Me Ugly Couch Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is Oct. 25. We'll announce the winner -- photo included -- on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Grand prize is the biggest tube of Pringles I can find and a brand new TV remote clicker with big buttons.

Second prize is that you get to help me carry my own ugly couch out of the basement and to the auto, where it can be exposed to the elements as God intended.

Speaking of interior decorating, I'm working on an intriguing new theory: Is your house really dirty if no one sees it but you?

I'm divorced and I live with my dog. Amazingly, Pecunia never complains if I put off vacuuming for a couple of weeks. So every Saturday, I have this little interior debate with myself: Should I clean the house or should I watch college football? Remarkably, football nearly always wins.

That despite the fact that I have a well-developed sense of guilt honed in Catholic school, where we were taught that there are two kinds of sins: Stuff you do and stuff you don't do.

I was always a little confused about those sins of omission. Isn't it a full-time job just avoiding Satan's snares?

Somehow I gotta wrap about meeting my quota of good deeds too?

Because truth be told, St. Peter doesn't give you extra credit for avoiding sins of omission. He's like the IRS, which means he makes you to thank you for filing your tax return on time.

So, should my house sparkle or should it remain a private party?

Into this conundrum steps my girlfriend, who lives in Boise and visits regularly. While by no means a strict constructionist on the issue of cleanliness, she is a compulsive picker-upper.

Victoria will, for example, on no account tolerate an overflowing trash can, and she empties the dishwasher as soon as the crockery is cool enough to handle. She's a woman who sweeps, a characteristic which is very annoying.

So when she phones to say she's leaving Boise, I clean furiously. The two hours that it should require her to get here is just about enough time to clear away most of the flotsam, but Victoria drives like a bat out of hell when she arrives -- 90 minutes or so.

Last time, she was in my house for 15 minutes before I knew she'd arrived. I was busy standing on my head in the bathroom trying to dislodge the ring with a toothpick.

Sister Mary Margaret would have taken a dim view of such procrastination. My fourth-grade teacher, she believed that six was nine-tenths.

In other words, I committed first degree sin for waiting until the last minute, and the smoking of busting on my seat could be seen as a mortal sin.

Can I think Sister Mary Margaret secretly a believer in predestination -- a view shared by many medieval Christians that God knows where you'll be dead twenty-five years before you're born?

Can I just see the elder, folding her hands and saying with great disgust, "I see you weren't going to do that."

Yes, you weren't going to do that.

Sum: Purveyor or plebeian?

You think, Sister, would you cut me some slack if the lover I was watching was a divorcee?

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Festival mixes merchants, history

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - There is plenty to be learned and plenty to be bought at the 10th annual Thousand Springs Festival on Riber Island.

Vendors and visitors to the Nature Conservancy of Idaho's Thousand Springs Preserve on Saturday were treated to warm sunshine along with the beautiful falls, a crystal clear river and crafts of every kind.

"The location is an attraction to people," said artist Will Caldwell. "They know it's a fun place to spend the day."

Caldwell himself camps out on the island during the weekend festival. He said it is wonderful to go to sleep to the sound of the falls.

Another artist, Joyce Conrad, came to the festival from Boise, but she's a Buhl native, graduating from Buhl High School. The draw for her is watching people and running into people she knew in the past.

"I came down to it's very friendly," Conrad said. Caldwell also noted the people as an important piece of the festival.

"When I come down here, I see the real people of Idaho," Caldwell said, noting a genuine nature he doesn't see in his hometown of Ketchum.

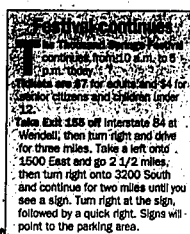
And the people were out and about, not only buying pictures, baskets and other crafty wares, but taking in the natural and historic splendors.

The festival includes horse and wagon rides, storytellers, nature walks, live bird and reptile displays, canoe rides and live music along with the many artists' booths. The dairy barn is also open for visitors to see.

Barbara Merrill and Maureen Hinkle, both of Twin Falls, peered out the window of the hay loft in the barn to see the falls outside.

"We want to take it home," Merrill said with a smile. "It really makes you feel great to be alive," Hinkle said.

Down below, Irvin Ehlers reminisced about a dairy barn of his



father's that is much the same as the one that stands on Riber Island. Ehlers himself was a dairyman roughly 25 years ago. It is interesting to come back and see the old ways compared to the new, he said.

"You couldn't milk a thousand cows in this place," said festival volunteer Dick Maestas. "Some of this equipment is quite crude, but it was state of the art at the time."

"Barns like this are becoming an endangered species themselves," Nature Conservancy Director of Communications Matt Miller said.

While the conservancy, which bought the island in 1989, is interested mostly in preserving the natural aspects of the land, the historic features go hand in hand with the natural. The history is a value here, Miller said.

It's the falls that got to 9-year-old Mason Perry. Perry traveled from California to the festival, and he noted colder temperatures and more water in Idaho. They have "too little water" in California, Perry said, and here the falls continuously run.

"At one point this whole wall was covered in springs," Miller said. "Unfortunately, it's a thing of the past."

Richard Schaffer of Parma said he remembered the white wall of falls from when he was a child.

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Storyteller George Lemmon shares his family album with Ken Richey in the old dairy barn at the Thousand Springs Festival in Hagerman on Saturday. The festival is the only time of year that the public is allowed access to the historic buildings in the preserve.

First Rupert Oktoberfest turns out festive, but quiet

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - With beers ranging from Coors Light to Rogue Dead Guy Ale, the inaugural Rupert Oktoberfest was a big hit.

Folks from as far away as Pocatello, Twin Falls and other Magic Valley towns sampled wine and beer from breweries in Washington, Montana, Utah and other western states, as well as meats and cheeses from local and out-of-state companies.

"It's surprising the number of people we know who are here," said Ann Rao of Paul. "This is a nice function for the Rupert Square."

While Nancy Brower of Kraft Foods served slices of Philadelphia Cream Cheese that had just been processed that morning, Barbara Adams was testing one of the Hayden



Pat Merrigan, one of the members of the 'brew crew,' shows Henry Walters how the home brew equipment works at the Rupert Oktoberfest Saturday. Beverage offerings - the Dead Guy Ale, like the other one - Fat Tire - better. It's a nice day and a nice crowd.

Kay Dalton of Watkins Distributing, who was giving out Budweiser samples, agreed that the crowd had been well managed.

"It's been good," he said. "No problem."

Mayor Audrey Neierth was pleased with the event.

"I think it's turned out very well," she said. "It's a nice crowd. They are enjoying it and enjoying meeting old friends."

People have already been contacting members of Square Events Inc. about holding the festival again next year, Neierth said.

But the Rupert City Council has a sunset clause on the special ordinance which allowed the beer and wine sales.

"I hope they lift it so we can continue this," Neierth said. While Mike Tykka was busy demonstrating home brew equipment, along with a num-

ber of members of his 'brew crew," he said Oktoberfest had been successful.

"I gave us enough seed money to fund other events," said Tykka, a member of the Square Events group. "We were overwhelmed with the turnout."

Janet Burdick was passing out samples of the brew crew's work.

"They are loving the home-made stuff," she said.

As the crowd tested the local brew as well as those from commercial breweries, the Rupert police looked on. Officer Melissa Price said there were no problems.

"There hasn't been any trouble," she said. "It's been real quiet. It's been nice."

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Those cockeyed Twin Falls downtown streets have a history

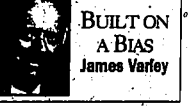
Who among us hasn't cursed the street layout in the oldest section of Twin Falls?

In a region where everything is on the square, with roads running north and south and east and west, our downtown's off-center layout is both perplexing to newcomers and an annoyance to old-timers.

And because of this off-center design, we have a confusing streeting system that has bewildered citizens since the very beginning.

Just who devised this maze? A fellow named John E. Hayes is to blame. Maybe. Hayes was one of that corps of engineers who, under Paul Bickel, helped survey the canals and topography of the Twin Falls Land and Water Company's irrigation project, beginning in January 1903.

Early on, several locations had been chosen for the principal city of the tract, but all were discarded. The railroad and local officials didn't believe an out-of-the-way town would be the center of the project. It was also a type of state-owned land that could be



About this column:
"Built on a Bias" is a preview of a new column by James Varley, written in conjunction with the 2002 Twin Falls centennial celebration. A retired Navy officer and 27-year Twin Falls resident, Varley has written four historical books about the West. His most recent is "Steamboats, Shoshone, Scoundrels and Such." Varley's column on local history will begin appearing regularly this winter.

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purchased without meeting any federal requirements.

In August 1903, Johnny Hayes located the four corners of Section 16. But no action was taken, for months, to buy the parcel or to survey it in detail. Only when it became apparent - in late March 1904 - that other promoters were planning to lay out a town near Shoshone Falls to be called "Twin Falls" did the company buy Section 16.

A few days later, Bickel summoned Hayes to L.B. Perrine's Blue Lakes Ranch and told him to turn over his regular crew to someone else, hire some helpers and begin surveying the town.

Hayes recruited two land seekers who were staying at Blue Lakes and, beginning about April 5, took them every day across the Snake River on Perrine's ferry. There they climbed out of the canyon on the rough wagon road built several years earlier and

walked to what is now the center of Twin Falls, carrying their equipment and food.

They laid out four blocks at the center of the section, on the same 45-degree bias that exists today. The thoroughfares at the center were named Main Street and Shoshone Avenue.

A plot of the four blocks was drawn and, on May 12, Hayes drove a buggy to the Cassia County seat at Albion, to register it and secure the name "Twin Falls." He may have also stopped at the Normal School, where his bride-to-be, Anna Hansen, was in residence.

By late May, a full surveying crew was at work, and their tents, pitched near the present East Five Pk., became home for Twin Falls' first residents.

Development and publicity
On June 16, the Twin Falls Investment Company came into being, to which the Land & Water Company gave a contract to sell



John Hayes surveys at the intersection of Shoshone and Main.

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SERVICES

James "Jim" Hughes of Jane, Mo., and formerly of Aberdeen, Wash., graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday in the Bentonville Cemetery; visitation from 4-6 p.m. today at Stockdale Funeral Services in Rogers, Ark.

Jennie Alice Buckendorf of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Buhl; interment will follow at West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Hazel Shockley of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Nampa, graveside service at 1 a.m. Monday at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell; friends may call at 1-5 p.m. today at the Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

Robert W. "Jake" Jacobs of Paris, Mont., and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., Burley, a remembrance gathering will follow the service at Sweetbush Manor, Overland Avenue and 42nd Street, Burley.

E. Leona Jaynes of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls and Ward LDS building, 229 Park Ave. Twin Falls; visitation from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday; burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Park (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Dean Howard of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Rachel Irene Myers of Twin Falls and formerly of Kimberly and Hansen, visit service at 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

Leola Fennelwald of Hansen, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen LDS Church; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0633, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

BUHL

Mathew Paul Friel
Mathew Paul Friel, 14, of Beecher City, Illinois, died Saturday, September 21, 2002, in Beecher City, Ill.

He was born January 17, 1988, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Debbie Chavez and Kenneth North. He was a freshman at Beecher City High School and an avid fisherman. He attended the 160 Club at the United Methodist Church in Beecher City, Ill.

Surviving are his parents, Ken and Debbie North; brothers, Ricky Chavez, Tyler North and Aaron North, all of Beecher City, Ill., and Jeff North of Cottonwood, Ill.; grandparents, Alice and Fred Chavez of Hansen, Ill., and Faye and Charles Carter of Buhl, Ill.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, at the Church of the Nazarene in Buhl. Pastor Charles Sherlock, under direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, interment following at the West End Cemetery, Buhl, with Rev. John McKinley dedicating the grave.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Heyburn. Burial will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direction of the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

cremation arrangements to follow under the direction of Demary Funeral Service. Family members and friends may call on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Demary's, Wendell Chapel.

PROVO, UTAH

Lester Norman Downing
Lester Norman Downing died Sept. 28th, 2002, of lung disease. He was born to Joseph C. Downing and Lillie May Jensen on Feb. 18, 1914, in Salt Lake City. In 1919 the family moved to southern Idaho, where he graduated from Filer High School in 1932 and Albion State Normal in 1937. He was active in speech, drama and track and was student body President. He also served as president of the Albion Alumni Association for several years. Eight years were spent in the public schools before and after WWII, as a teacher, administrator, and counselor in Southern Idaho.

On the 27th of May 1942, he married Ruth Egbert in the Salt Lake Temple. Nine children joined the family through the years.

In WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force in England with the 8th Air Force as an administrative specialist and squadron sergeant major with rank of staff sergeant in the 94th Bombardment Group.

Following his discharge from the service in 1945, he enrolled at Utah State University and completed his Bachelor of Arts degree, Ed.D. was earned at Northern Colorado University in 1951. Peru, Nebraska State College was home for 3 years, where he earned his academic plan. The opportunity to join the faculty at BYU in the College of Education came in 1954. His teaching at BYU, Cornell, and Northern Illinois Universities. Over the years, he published numerous professional articles, textbooks, and publications relating to Counseling Theory, Transactional Analysis, personal growth and wisdom.

He was a devoted member of the LDS Church, serving in branch presidencies; as Bishop of the BYU 20th Ward, High Counselor, Missionary, and his wife, Cora, and during his retirement years learned to play the clarinet and the organ and also sang with the Mendocino Male Chorus. He will be missed, but his example of caring concern for others will serve as an example to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, children, Carolyn Marks, Laureale Bird, Galen Downing, Randy Downing, Roxann Malarsite, Bret Downing, Dabbin Downing, and Thormock as well as 42 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was welcomed home by his loved ones who preceded him in death: parents, brother and sisters, his son, Kevin Charles and great-grandson Caleb Seiler.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, Sept. 30th, at 11 a.m. in the Grandview 8th Ward Chapel, 1655 N. 1550 W. Provo. Friends may call Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at the Walker Sanderson Funeral Home, 648 E. 800 N., Orem, and Monday from 8:30-9:45 a.m. at the ward chapel. Burial will be in the East Lawn Cemetery, Provo.

WENDELL

William "Willy" Mathew Holman
William "Willy" Mathew Holman, 24, went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, September 26, 2002.

Willy was born on June 19, 1978, in Jerome, Idaho, to his mother Billie Graeper. Willy lived with his mother and father until his death. He graduated Richard Leigh Holman in their lives. They, as Willy would say, "We just got married" on March 20, 1992. Richard began work for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the family transferred to Grace, Idaho. Within a few short months, they moved to Wendell, Idaho, where Willy attended school and grew up with many wonderful friends. He spent a lot of time outdoors, exploring, great outdoors with his dad, his grandchild Bill, his dear friend, Simon Williams, and other special friends. His seasons were filled with many days of snowboarding, rock climbing, and fishing and, most recently, surfing. He loved music, playing his saxophone and guitar, and spinning records. Willy was a great dancer. He always said he was dancing for Jesus.

Willy went to work for Lafferty Construction and was mentored by Dan Lafferty in the line art of carpentry and fine painting. He worked in this field for five years. In 2001, Willy was given the opportunity to work for Raytheon Polar Operations and the National Science Foundation in McMurdo Station, Antarctica, where he was stationed for five months. After a summer of running with family and friends, Willy was looking forward to returning "to the ice" where he would be lead blaster for the season, and introducing his sister, Whitney to the happiness he experienced there.

Willy is survived by his parents, Richard and Billie Holman; his sister, Whitney Holman of Wendell, his grandparents, Warner and Clair Graeper of Jerome and Stanley and Ruth Holman of Marsden, Colorado. Extended family include: Ben and Rosalie Owens of Oak City, Utah; Thomas and Barbara Johnson of Marsden, Colorado; Edward and Marjorie Polich of Gallup, New Mexico; James and Darlene Reed of Sanford, Colorado; Paul and Elaine Faucett of Sanford, Colorado; Jonathan and Helen "Mimi" Holman of Orange Park, Florida; Anne and Frank Johnson of Marsden, Colorado; Grith Columbia; Leah and Eugene Kusy, of Revelstoke, British Columbia; Roy and Betty Graeper of Salmo, British Columbia; James and Judy Hill of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and many cousins.

Willy was predeceased in death by his grandparents, Beckett and Werner Graeper of Kenora, Ontario, and Lydia and Andrew Litsche of Alameda, Saskatchewan.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at 4 p.m. at the Wendell High School Auditorium in Wendell. Services will conclude at the high school with

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OAKLEY

Olive Sabie Strauss
Olive Sabie Strauss, 92-year-old former Heyburn and Oakley resident, died Friday, September 27, 2002, at the home of her daughter in Meridian.

She was born March 5, 1910, in Don Luis, Arizona, the daughter of George Isador Sabie and Josephine Owens. Olive grew up in Behd, Idaho, and attended schools in Heyburn. After graduation from high school, she married Jack Beckman Strauss in Logan, Utah, on October 16, 1929. Their marriage was solemnized in the Ogden Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on November 4, 1977.

Jack and Olive raised their family in homes that they built together in Heyburn. Her home was always filled with music and she loved to sing in the church choir. She loved gardening and was always proud of her gardens. Olive was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she had served as Relief Society President, Primary President and had served in various teaching capacities throughout her life.

Survivors include her three children: Jack (Cherry) Strauss of Provo, Utah; Neil (Marva) Strauss of Oakley, Elina (Larry) Moore of Meridian; and her brothers, Sabie and Vancouver, Washington; two sisters, Margaret Winks of Kennewick, Washington; Ethel Kerbs of Rupert; three grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Jack, a son, George, and eight siblings.

Utah retailers help coffee growers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — With an oversupply of beans and collapsing prices threatening to ruin coffee growers worldwide, some Utah coffee roasters and retailers are doing their part to boost the industry by paying sometimes double the market price for beans.

But they will be the first to say their motives are not entirely altruistic.

"What we're looking for is the highest quality coffee on a long-term basis," said Steve Brewster, co-owner of Salt Lake City-based MillCreek Roasters. "We're paying twice the price of others, but we're getting a better product."

Coffee prices on New York's Coffee Sugar and Cocoa Exchange — which provides a benchmark for the coffee industry — have fallen over the past year. The \$2-week average was 49 cents. In 1997, coffee beans reached a high of \$3.15 a pound.

International relief agency Oxfam reported this month that coffee prices are at their lowest in 100 years, leaving 25 million

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farmers in economic crisis. The agency says corporations such as Procter & Gamble, Kraft Foods Inc. and Sara Lee Corp. have profited from the crisis. The companies say they shouldn't be held responsible for an oversupply, and paying artificially high prices would encourage overproduction.

Brewster said he and other specialty coffee roaster differ from the big companies because they are making their buying decisions based on quality, not quantity. Their actions affect the entire industry.

"When other companies hammer prices lower, in the long term, people are going to switch out crops and produce something else more profitable," Brewster said.

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Albertson College enrollment reaches 30-year high

CALDWELL (AP) — With a 7 percent increase in enrollment over last year, Albertson College of Idaho has hit a 30-year high. It has been three decades since the Caldwell campus had an enrollment of 824. College officials said the 290 new students on campus continues a trend of increasing the student population.

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DEATH NOTICES

Dorsey E. Miller
TWIN FALLS — Dorsey E. Miller, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho.

2002, at her home. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho.

Grant L. Phifer
GOODING — Grant L. Phifer, 60, of Gooding, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Evelia Tellez
RUPERT — Evelia Tellez, 67, of Rupert, died Saturday, Sept. 28,

2002, at her home. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho.

Lida Stauffer
JEROME — Lida Stauffer, 88, of Jerome, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome 4th Ward LDS Church, 26 N. Tiger Drive, with Bishop Kent Lee officiating. Visitation will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. before the service Tuesday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory of Jerome.

Clara M. Bailey
BURLEY — Clara Mable Bailey, 75, of Burley, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at her sister's home in Fruitland.

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M.V. hospital funds community health programs

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TWIN FALLS - In its goal to make south-central Idaho a healthier place to live, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's planning and community relations committee has approved more than \$150,000 to be distributed to local agencies.

"These partners help make our community healthier," said Hospital Board member and committee chairman Terry Schultz in a hospital news release. "By providing this funding, the hospital is helping to make sure these valuable services are available to the people of the Magic Valley."

Thirteen applications for funding were submitted to the hospital for consideration. Nine agencies received money, the most ever funded by the hospital through the Community Health Improvement Fund, the new name of the fund.

"Selection was made based upon predetermined criteria, level of collaboration and the following: local community health priorities, such as child and other substance abuse, cancer, heart disease and other chronic diseases, accidents and unintentional injuries, child health and development, senior health (Alzheimer's disease, pneumonia and influenza), and adult and adolescent behavioral health. Preference was given to projects that support multiple communities in the geographic areas served by Magic Valley Regional.

The following agencies have been awarded money for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1:

- **Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition** - \$50,000: A collaborative, community-based coalition operating as a service of Magic Valley Regional and the hospital foundation, the coalition's mission is to reduce unintentional injuries for children under the age of 18. Major injury risks addressed include motor vehicle crashes, farm-related injuries, bicycle crashes, poison prevention, baby-sitting safety, sports-related injuries, drowning prevention, burn and fire prevention, playground equipment injuries, and unintentional firearm injuries. Money will be used to support the ongoing programs, projects and services of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition by offsetting costs of the program that are not covered by other grant sources.

- **Children At Risk Evaluation Services** - \$45,000: A community outpatient program that is a service of the hospital. CARES provides intervention and treatment referral services when there are concerns of child abuse, most often related to child sexual abuse. This program partners with law enforcement and the courts to conduct forensic interviews and medical exams of children. The goal of the program is to ensure the child, to reduce trauma in a protective environment, enhance evidence collection, and support children and their families as they move toward healing. Money will be used to offset the program costs of ongoing services that are not covered by either fees paid for services or other grant sources.

- **HealthNet** - \$27,900: Magic Valley Regional is a HealthNet regional partner and lead agency for the Twin Falls County Coalition. HealthNet is a community health improvement collaborative effort that operates at two levels - regionally by drawing together organizations and resources from across the eight-county area to improve health, and locally by developing and implementing community health improvement strategies for Twin Falls County. Money will be used to support and implement local and regional strategies to improve the health of the community.

- **Camp Rainbow Gold** - \$10,000: A new recipient of funding this year, Camp Rainbow Gold is a camp for children with cancer. Money will be used to underwrite operation of the camp for campers from southern Idaho.

- **Great Beginnings program and store** - \$6,000: Another new recipient this year, the Great Beginnings program will provide incentives to encourage pregnant teens and other high-risk, low-income or underinsured or uninsured pregnant women to seek prenatal care and help to improve health behaviors before, during and after pregnancy. Money will provide store merchandise available by redeeming coupons offered by special educational classes and prenatal appointments.

- **Success by Six** - \$4,600: An initiative of the United Way of Magic Valley, Success by Six is focused on preparing children for successful living through quality early childhood development. Money will be used to offer free immunization clinics for low-income and disadvantaged children.

- **Born to Succeed** - \$4,000: Money for this program will provide pregnant teens with information and skills to complete healthy pregnancy. It will also assist in parenting skills and prevent child abuse and neglect to newborn children.

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Interfaith volunteer caregivers - \$3,000: This group provides non-medical, in-home assistance for the disabled, elderly and chronically ill. Volunteers are used to assist with transportation, errands and providing companionship. Money will be used to support these volunteer efforts.

Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross - \$1,000: Money will be used to buy equipment needed to provide life-guard safety and water safety instruction classes.

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Albertsons pulls edited movies
Grocery chain will wait for outcome of Hollywood lawsuit

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Albertsons Food and Drug stores in Utah pulled edited movies from their shelves after Hollywood's top movie directors filed a lawsuit against businesses that rent or sell videos scrubbed of sex, violence and swearing.

The Boise-based grocery chain, the country's second-largest, removed the videotapes Monday after the Directors Guild of America and 16 directors, including Steven Spielberg and Robert Redford, filed an injunction against businesses like CleanFlicks, Trilogy Studios and Video II, the Sandy-based video distributor that provided Albertsons with the edited movies.

"As a retailer serving the entire community, we feel we have to remain neutral as this dispute goes forward," Albertsons Inc. spokeswoman Jeanette Duwe said Friday. "So we made the decision to take these off the shelf."

That included edited versions of such popular movies as Mel Gibson's R-rated "We Were Soldiers" and Eddie Murphy's PG-13-rated "Showtime." All but one of Utah's 46 Albertsons stores rented the edited videos.

Directors Guild representatives declined to comment Friday on Albertsons' move, but the guild's president, director Martha Coolidge, said earlier in a statement, "It is wrong to cut scenes from a film - just as it is to rip pages from a book - simply because we don't like the way something was portrayed or said, then resell it with the original title and creator's name still on it."

Albertsons started renting edited movies last summer as a pilot project that ended in August.



CleanFlicks Chief Executive Officer Ray Lines, left, and President John Dixon pose with some of their edited versions of movies at the company's headquarters Thursday in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

at that time, store officials decided to continue renting them out in Utah Albertsons.

Duwe said the movies will remain off the shelves pending the lawsuit's outcome.

In August, CleanFlicks of Colorado, a franchise of Pleasant Grove, Utah-based CleanFlicks, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Denver asking the court to rule that what they do - rent and sell edited movies - is legal.

On Sept. 20, the Directors Guild filed a countersuit against CleanFlicks of Colorado as well as other companies that specialize in editing videos for "family viewing" or make software that edits DVD movies.

At issue is whether the practice of editing movies is a violation of copyright infringement or a trademark violation.

The Directors Guild argues that renting or selling edited movies misleads customers who believe they are watching a "Martin Scorsese Film" when in fact it was edited without the director's approval. The guild also alleges that is a form of false advertising.

Also under debate is whether the editing is a form of copyright infringement, with directors arguing that editing out so-called "objectionable" content from their movies drastically alters their work.

The president of Video II, which supplies all the videos for Albertsons in 17 states and edits

for the Utah stores, said the decision might have a minor impact on his business.

"We had thousands of customers in Utah renting edited movies," said Glenn Dickman.

On average, about 5 percent of the total video library for any of the Utah Albertsons were edited movies, he said. Each store had an average of about 2,000 videos.

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Big Sky CEO calls decision to sell regional carrier a prudent move

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) - Big Sky Airlines' decision to sell to a regional carrier will give the Billings-based airline improved financial security and more opportunities to grow, its president and CEO said Friday.

But a union representing pilots at the carrier that is buying Big Sky criticized the purchase, saying the money should be going toward better contracts with its pilots.

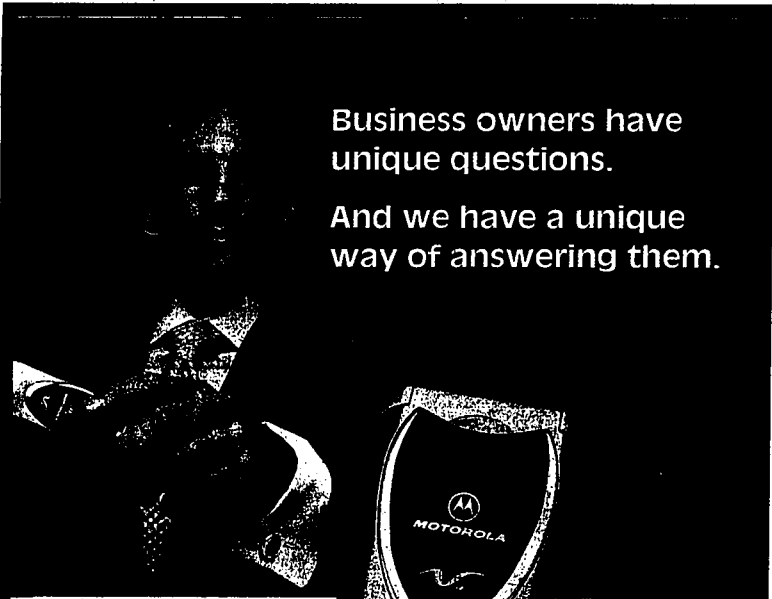
Big Sky provides regional air service to 20 cities in Montana, North Dakota, Washington, Colorado and Idaho. It operates a fleet of 15 19-seat turboprop airplanes. Mesaba Holdings Inc., a Minneapolis-based regional air

carrier affiliated with Northwest Airlines, announced Thursday it would buy Big Sky Transportation Co.'s outstanding stock for about \$3.5 million in cash.

The sale was not expected to affect Big Sky's services, and the company headquarters will remain in Billings, he said.

The Air Line Pilots Association, which represents 950 Mesaba pilots, issued a statement late Friday condemning the purchase.

The association accused Mesaba of using the sale as a ploy to avoid bargaining contract talks, which have been under way for 16 months.



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Breakfast Menu
 Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
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 Tuesday: Pancake sausage on a stick
 Wednesday: Bliscuits, peanut butter, jelly

Thursday: No school
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 Lunch Menu
 Saled bar and milk served every day
 Monday: Peppercorn pizza, french fries, bread sticks, pineapple
 Tuesday: Chef salad, fruit, crackers, pretzel, cowboy cookie
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll

Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Donuts
 Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Cheeseburgers
 Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

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 Monday: Hot dogs, apricots, cookie
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 Wednesday: Cheese pizza, bread sticks, peas
 Thursday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, application 1
 Friday: Fried chicken, noodles, peas

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburgers
 Tuesday: Burritos
 Wednesday: Chicken patty
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

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Breakfast Menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, jelly
 Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school
 Lunch Menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, vegetables, fruit
 Tuesday: Soft tacos, refried beans, tater tots, cookies, fruit
 Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato slice, fruit
 Thursday: No school
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Choice of milk every day
 Monday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, corn, rolls, jelly
 Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, peas, great pumpkin cookie
 Wednesday: Saled bar, bread sticks, apricots, machine bread
 Thursday: Chicken patty, tater tots, cherries, royal brownie
 Friday: Peppercorn pizza, vegetables, dip, chocolate cake

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, whole wheat rolls, sliced apples
 Tuesday: Ham sub sandwich, french

fries, raisins, fruit, Jell-O
 Wednesday: Barchetta, tossed salad, green beans, application
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, fruit and vegetable bar
 Tuesday: Ham sub sandwich, french fries, fruit and vegetable bar
 Wednesday: Barchetta, fruit and vegetable bar
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit
 Tuesday: Rib-b-cue, cole slaw, corn, fruit
 Wednesday: No school
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken sandwich, french fries, pineapple chunks, fruit snacks
 Tuesday: Taco salad, chilled apple-sauce, chocolate pie
 Wednesday: Barbecue beef sandwich, potato chips, orange quarters, pudding, cup
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Turkey, noodles, sliced bread, green beans, pineapple
 Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, orange juice, toast
 Tuesday: Cinnamon pastries, chilled apricots
 Wednesday: Cereal, dried pears, donut

Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school
 Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken tenders, salad bar or sub sandwich, barbecue potato chips, beans, chocolate chip cookie
 Tuesday: Foot long hot dog, soup and sandwich bar or hamburger, french fries, chilled pears, pudding cup
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, seasoned corn, pineapple chunks, bread sticks, pizza sauce
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Chili macaroni bake
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Tacos
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, orange juice, toast
 Tuesday: Cinnamon pastries, chilled apricots
 Wednesday: Cereal, dried pears, donut
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Waffles, syrup, link sausages, hash brown potatoes, strawberries and bananas
 Tuesday: Chicken sandwich, seasoned potato wedges, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie
 Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, sliced peaches
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served everyday.
 Monday: Chicken and noodles, peas, hot roll, butter, peaches, cookie
 Tuesday: Hamburger, french fries, pineapple tidbits, cookie
 Wednesday: Gravy burrito, chips, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, apple
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served everyday.
 Monday: Chicken and noodles, peas, hot roll, butter, peaches, cookie
 Tuesday: Hamburger, french fries, pineapple tidbits, cookie
 Wednesday: Gravy burrito, chips, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, apple
 Thursday: No school
 Friday: No school

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Shooting follows pickup repossession

SANDPOINT (AP) — A 28-year-old Washington man working for a title loan company was shot in the back of the head when he tried to repossess a pickup truck.
 Bruce Allen Spaupe, 37, allegedly began shooting at Victor Grant, an independent contractor working for Rocky Mountain Title Loan of Coeur

d'Alene, as he towed the truck Friday morning.
 Bonter County Sheriff's officers arrested Spaupe on suspicion of firing six rounds at the tow-truck. One of the bullets went through a window and hit Grant in the back of the head.
 The Spokane man was listed in satisfactory condition at

Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane Saturday.
 Rocky Mountain Title manager Jim Ratliff said Spaupe owed the title company \$2,000 and had not made a payment on the original loan since January. Spaupe left his car title with the company as collateral for the loan.

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Meth lab makes house unliveable

MURRAY, Utah (AP) — After a year and a half of headaches, diarrhea, aching legs, bloody noses and depression, the Schmidt family finally discovered what they believe is the cause: Their house is contaminated with methamphetamine.

"The drug is in the walls, ceiling, cabinets, floors, air," Lisa Schmidt and her children have been continually exposed to it ever since they moved to their Murray home in February 2001. Now, they can't live in it.

Schmidt bought the house com-

pletely unaware that the home's former renter had been arrested for manufacturing and dealing meth.

"The authorities should have told someone," she said.

The previous owners didn't say a word about it either. They painted over the walls, spiffed the place up, and sold it to Schmidts. "I don't know what they were thinking when they just painted it over," said Clyde Ashcraft, who lives directly across the street from the house.

Attempts to contact the previ-

ous owner were unsuccessful. When the Schmidts moved in, neighbors quickly told Lisa Schmidt about the home's sordid history. The bust was high-profile, with guns and police cars and flashing lights and restraining tape surrounding the place.

Schmidt contacted the state health department, which sent a representative to inspect the house. Schmidt said she was told that if she saw yellow stains seeping through a wall or ceiling, clean it up with bleach, but otherwise not to worry.

Lunches

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TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch is served everyday.
Breakfast: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar choice taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or scalloped potatoes, strawberries, banana, hot dinner roll.
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, dip, and pineapple-peas.
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger, french fries, orange quarters, chocolate pie.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Menu not available
Tuesday: Rib-bee on a bun, barbecue sauce, cole slaw, fruit, royal brownie.
Wednesday: Weiner wrap, potato wedges, carrot and celery sticks, baked beans, oranges.
Thursday: Chili, celery sticks, trail mix, pears, cinnamon roll.
Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, carrot sticks, apples, cobbler

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day.
Monday: Mashed potatoes, roll, turkey gravy.
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

GLENN'S FERRY

Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, fruit.
Tuesday: Egg roll, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, pineapple, fortune cookie.
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken burger with fries, potato bar or buffalo wings.
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day.
Monday: Ham and beans or chicken noodle soup, fruit, vegetables, dip, corn bread.
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day.
Breakfast menu:
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly.
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, pancakes, bacon, butter, syrup.
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, biscuits, sausage gravy, jelly.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu:
Monday: Salad bar and choice of milk served every day.
Tuesday: Sloppy joe or turkey sandwich, tater tots, applesauce, ginger cookie.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, grapes, sweet and sour sauce, hot rolls, jelly.
Thursday: French bread pizza, carrot sticks, banana, Jell-O and whipped topping.
Friday: No school

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast:
 Milk and juice served every day.
Monday: Cereal, Pop-Tarts
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch:
Monday: Tuna sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, blueberry crisp.
Tuesday: Texas straw hats, green beans, maple bar, peaches.
Wednesday: Hot dog, baked fries, oatmeal cookies, orange smilies.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day.
Monday: Hot dog, french fries, apples, chocolate cake.
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, tossed salad, ranch dressing, Rice Krispie treats.
Wednesday: Soft taco, refried beans, shredded cheese, salsa, cinnamon apple sauce.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu:
Monday: Cereal, toast, apple
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly on toast, raisins.
Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu:
Monday: Hawaiian pizza, peas, snack-crocodile.
Tuesday: Baked potato special, apple-sauce cake, celery sticks, pineapple.
Wednesday: Hamburger, french fries, banana.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu:
Monday: Egg and biscuit, trail mix, peaches.
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, pears.
Wednesday: Breakfast cookie, trail mix, applesauce.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch:
 Choice of white or chocolate milk every day.
Monday: Sloppy joe, tater tots, carrot sticks, applesauce.
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, green beans, carrot sticks, peaches.
Wednesday: Nachos, refried beans, fruit, cookie.
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

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Heyburn makes it safer to go for walk

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The city of Heyburn is making it easier for people to walk from place to place.

A section of 21st Street, from west to the Burley city line, is being widened to allow for a pedestrian path.

City Superintendent Scott Spevak said there are a number of people who walk to Wal-Mart or other North Burley businesses, getting there by using 21st Street. Spevak knows at least one person in a wheelchair who sometimes makes two or three trips in a day.

"It's a major safety issue," Spevak said.

Spevak saw six people pass on foot in a two-hour period while he was out working on the project. With the expansion of Wal-Mart, the number of pedestrians could grow.

The walkway along 21st Street will be an extension of the existing pavement, Spevak said, and will be marked for walkers and bicyclists. No motorized vehicles will be allowed to drive or park in the area. The path is 8 feet wide and will be plowed in the winter and taken care of in the same manner as the highway.

The city might not pave and stripe the walkway this year, Spevak said, but it is approaching bad weather. Paving and striping usually occurs in the summer or early fall.

The cost to the city to create the path has been estimated at \$200,000. The only cost has been city labor; the fill dirt used in the project was from a contractor who needed to get rid of dirt from another project.

Spevak said the asphalt will cost about \$20,000.

The path could be extended

past the Burley city limits, Spevak said. There is also about 360 feet that is Minidoka County responsibility. Heyburn will finish that section and then be reimbursed by the county.

Heyburn is also home to a second pedestrian project - a nature path. Near the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

The 1.25-mile-long path - which begins at the chamber, crosses the drain ditch and loops back to the beginning - is open to foot traffic, bikes and in-line skaters. It's ideal for in-line skaters, Heyburn grant writer Earl Andrew said, with smooth pavement on a few hills.

"We need some people to use it," Andrew said.

The idea of a nature path had been "kicked around" a lot, and the city had applied for various grants. Several grant applications were denied, Andrew said, but finally a grant came through. The project was funded with \$2,125 from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

The location of the path was chosen because it would benefit the city wanted to improve. It also showcases the river, Andrew said. It's a scenic place with animals and the river nearby.

"That's what the draw is. It's really a pretty place to go," Andrew said.

Spevak said the biggest problem with the trail is people don't understand it is open to the public. The area also includes restrooms, picnic tables and volleyball courts.

"We'd like to see more people there," Spevak said. "It's there for them to use."

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Officials: Probation program works

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - After almost three years, Mini-Cassia justice officials are hailing the adult misdemeanor probation program as a success.

People convicted of drug-related, alcohol-related or domestic battery misdemeanors are required to undergo some type of treatment. But before the adult misdemeanor probation program, no one checked to see if convicts were going to their anger management classes or if they'd stopped using drugs.

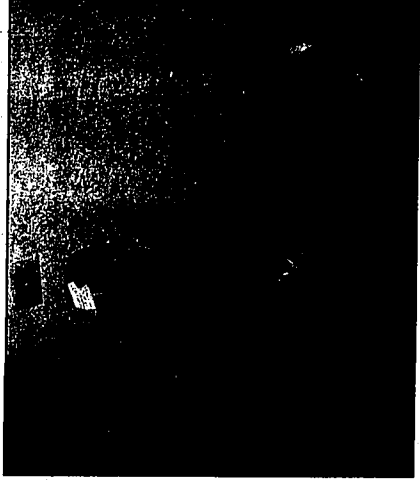
The misdemeanor probation program has been working well, said Magistrate Judge Roy Holloway.

"My sense is our criminal case load is down," he said.

The program started late in 1999, said Audrey Praytor, one of the two adult misdemeanor probation officers. Minidoka and Cassia counties contributed to the program in the beginning. Probationers now pay for the program.

People on misdemeanor probation come into one of the two offices, located in Burley and Rupert, once a month to provide urine for drug and alcohol tests, and to meet with probation officers. The program is tight, and convicts know it. They come in each month to take the drug test and pay \$35 for the service. Probationers understand they will go to jail if they miss an appointment, said Steve Vaughn, adult misdemeanor probation officer.

Before the program started, those who didn't pay their fees would be arrested. People would often go before a judge saying they had forgotten to pay, or that they would have the money in a day. Now probation officers are there in negotiation with probationers before they reach a judge. They can remind offenders when



Steve Vaughn, adult misdemeanor probation officer, tests a urine sample for the presence of drugs. Probation officers test probationers once a month.

the fees are due and what will happen if they don't pay.

"We try to figure out what their problem is and work with them," Vaughn said.

Some of the people on probation are ready to change, and these are the people the program can help, Vaughn said. The officers help the probationers find jobs and assign them to classes, groups or drug treatment programs. Even as the officers refer more people for drug treatment,

the last spaces have filled in Mini-Cassia drug programs. Many probationers travel out of the area for counseling.

Most offenders don't like the strict enforcement. Some convicts have said serving time is easier than doing probation. Probationers have a right to make the choice between jail and probation, Holloway said. But with the probation officers holding offenders accountable, they no longer have the option of

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ignoring the conditions of probation.

When giving drug tests, Vaughn and Praytor don't waste any time. Each visit takes 15 minutes. With 366 probationers, the two officers have no choice but to make the visit brief. The two probation officers also visit each offender at home once a month.

The program creates more work for prosecuting attorneys, Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollar said. Because the probation officers usually find out when someone violates the conditions of his probation, Bollar has had to file more charges, he said. Still, the terms of probation should be enforced, Bollar said.

The program does create court action, but more serious crimes would occur without probation officers monitoring offenders, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said. Public Defender Doug Whipple agreed the program is valuable.

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Firefighters make progress against L.A. blaze

MOUNT BALDY VILLAGE, Calif. (AP) - People who refused to leave this mountain hamlet despite a raging wildfire were shivering Saturday and grateful for the cooler temperatures.

The onslaught of chilly, humid weather helped firefighters make significant progress against a blaze that has burned 72 cabins and other buildings in the Angeles National Forest and forced hundreds of residents to evacuate.

The 650-acre Williams Fire was still less than two miles from Mount Baldy Village, but it was moving slowly and no flames were visible from town.

Overnight, crews were able to set backfires and create breaks in the surrounding brush and timber, increasing containment from 35 percent to 65 percent.

The state's other major wildfire near Morgan Hill in Northern California's Santa Cruz County was 90 percent contained, with full containment expected by Sunday evening. It has destroyed 31 homes and burned 3,150 acres since it began Monday.

A heavy blanket of fog and temperatures in the 50s helped firefighters in that battle.

More than 3,000 firefighters attacked the Angeles National Forest blaze, which began Sept. 22 and indefinitely closed the



Forest Service firefighter Patrick von Mosch of El Dorado, Calif., grabs a few moments of sleep near the road leading to Mount Baldy, Calif., Friday.

650,000-acre forest to recreation. The crews still had more than 14 miles of fire line left to cut, hoping to finish before the hot weather there was expected to return next week.

The village was still threatened, "however it's not an immediate threat," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Ed Gilliland said. "If the temperature and humidity holds, we'll have an opportunity to do some good work."

The cooler weather was a mixed blessing, however, because cloud cover kept 28 aircraft from dumping water and fire retardant.

The 60 residents who have refused to leave their homes 4,000 feet up the mountain found themselves in fall weather. The 65-degree high on Saturday was down from the 90s late last week.

"It's getting chillier and chillier as the day goes on," said

Missy Ellingson, co-owner of Mount Baldy Lodge. Patrons were wearing coats.

"We're not starting any fires in our fireplaces yet," she said. "Some residents sent their children to stay with relatives until the danger passed and were looking forward to their return."

It's hard being separated from your family," Ellingson said. "I'm looking forward to having my normal life back. Everyone wants to come home."

Silage truck driver escapes tip-over

The Times-News

BUHL - Neighbors responding to a silage truck tip-over near Buhl made a bad situation better.

Near 3 p.m. Saturday, Darlo Marquez of Twin Falls drove off the side of the road in a silage truck near 1250 East, 3800 North. When correcting his error, he tipped over the truck. A small fire broke out with transmission fluid or oil on the exhaust system, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Eden.

Neighbors rushed to the driver's aid and put out the fire with a fire extinguisher, Eden said.

Marquez had slurred speech and incoherent sentences when emergency personnel first arrived at the scene, and a helicopter was brought in to transport him, Eden said. However, by the time the helicopter landed, the man had improved and was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center by ambulance.

He was treated and released on Saturday.

The man was not wearing his seat belt, Eden said.

Eden said the neighbors who responded deserved the praise in this incident.

Man faces charges in shooting of his neighbor

BLANCHARD (AP) - A 75-year-old man who uses a wheelchair faces charges in the shooting of his neighbor.

Richard Jones allegedly opened fire on Scott Milks' tent early Friday morning. Milks was living in a tent on property a few houses away from Jones.

One of the bullets hit Milks' right arm. He was taken to Kootenai Medical Center where he was listed in fair condition.

Bonner County Prosecutor Phil Robinson said that Milks, 32, had been helping the elderly man with work around the property. He said they had a falling-out and Jones accused Milks of contaminating his water and food.

Jones was taken without incident to the Bonner County Jail where he is being held on a \$100,000 bond and facing a first-degree attempted murder charge.

Officials might slash foreign exchange student subsidy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Anticipating another tight budget year in 2003, state education officials may ask the Legislature to scrap the \$700,000 state subsidy for foreign exchange students instead of other programs.

Just a few months removed from dealing with a \$21.5 million shortfall in state education funding for this year, Utah Office of Education officials are drafting their funding proposals for the upcoming legislative session.

The funding exchange program is a tiny slice of the education budget, but cutting it would affect fewer students than other possible measures, said John D. Patterson of the state's Department of Instructional Services.

"How can we justify \$700,000 for students of other countries when what's happening now is so impacting Utah students?"

Patterson said. "I believe in the program. I have spent a year in a school overseas and so have my children. I know foreign students, but at this point, when we have classes of 40 and 45 students, I think the Legislature and state Board of Education need to look at this \$700,000."

Officials say Utah is the only state in the country that gives districts the same per-pupil funding for foreign exchange students as it does for residents. Other states require districts to absorb the cost of educating foreign students.

In 1985, the Legislature passed a law to give high schools funding for up to 250 foreign students a year statewide. The Legislature has increased the limit to 328 students.

With per-pupil funding at \$2,132 this year, the program costs the state \$699,296 for the subsidy.

Streets

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the south-side lands and to develop all the lots. The streets would be equal shares between Clark and Hurr of Boise, Perrine and seven others.

Probably as a publicity stunt, Hurr brought in architect, Emmett Masqueray, to the tract in late June. French-born, Masqueray had previously planned three years earlier the town design for the Louisiana Purchase Centennial Exposition in St. Louis, where Hurr had been Idaho's representative. The two arrived in the company of another architect, a publicity man who had been manager of the press bureau at that same great fair.

After the group visited with Perrine and based on the town site Clark, Masqueray left the area on July 5, never to return. But Masqueray's visit had added a touch of class to the town, and soon Clark, Perrine, and Masqueray were planning the town. Clark was the town architect, Perrine the town planner, and Masqueray the town promoter. At the time of the Frenchman's visit, the site was a flat, open plain with scattered buildings.

Why was Twin Falls built on this site? Shortly after the surveys, John Hayes said it was so the prevailing winds would blow across them from east to west.

Another plat was filed on Aug. 1, 1884, for blocks in the original town. A third filing was made in October, encompassing 36 blocks, and a fourth and final plat was recorded Dec. 16, comprising the entire section.

So why was Twin Falls built on a hill?

Shortly after the surveys, John Hayes said it was so the prevailing winds would blow across them from east to west. The effect of the prevailing winds would also allow easier irrigation of the town site due to the slope of the land.

As soon as this system was created, citizens began complaining, reluctantly, about it. George Fraser, editor of the *Twin Falls Press*, called it an "abomination."

Perplexing from the start

The original street-naming system had the avenues parallel to Main Street, and the streets parallel to Shoshone Avenue. The numbers for avenues and streets began at the northeast and northwest corners of the section, respectively. (Because of Shoshone Avenue, there was no Eighth Street, and because of Main Street there was no 11th Avenue.)

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Even residents had trouble remembering what street they lived on. Only Mark Murtaugh defended the system, blaming the confusion on the "ignorance of the people."

And so, in May 1908, the city adopted the present system. Main Street became an avenue, just like the thoroughfares parallel to it, and Shoshone Avenue became Shoshone Street, just like those running parallel to it.

And thoroughfares were numbered outward from Main and Shoshone, with the first called Second Street and avenue; in addition, each was described as either north, south, east or west, according to the quadrant in which it lay from the starting point.

Fraser declared that the new system would be an improvement and, if it wasn't, the people could "have it changed."

And, indeed, that second abominable system, which has existed for 93 years, may soon be replaced - one hopes for the last time.

A committee representing downtown businesses has recommended the naming of all the streets but Shoshone (and not the avenues) after notable citizens of Twin Falls.

The name of Johnny Hayes - who helped start all the confusion - is conspicuously absent from the new list.

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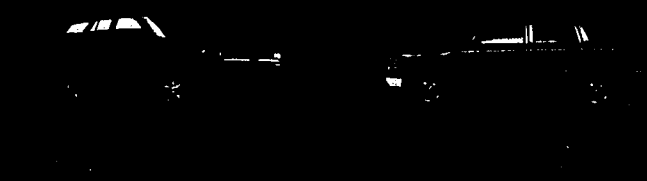
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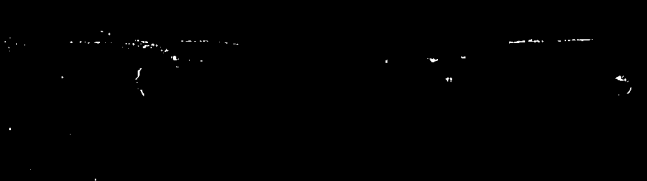
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“They've got one Tiger. I've got 12 lions.”
—Sam Torrance, Europe's Ryder Cup team captain, on contending with Tiger Woods

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the Angels' leading hitter in postseason play?
—answer below

IN BRIEF

Coaches: Remember to fax your stats

High school football coaches are reminded to fax their game statistics by noon Tuesday to Times-News sports writer Scott Thompson at (208) 677-4543. Weekly statistics will run every Wednesday from the previous week's games.

Indians plan to dedicate Bowers Field Thursday

BUHL — There will be a halftime ceremony during the Buhl vs. Filer varsity football game on Thursday to formally dedicate Floyd Bowers Field, a former coach at the school.

Any alumni football players from when Bowers coached, 1932-44, are asked to attend or take part in the ceremony. To sign up, call J.P. Hamilton at 543-4351 or 543-4649 or contact Pam Osterkamp at 543-8126.

CSI boosters meet for lunch on Monday

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho booster club will hold their weekly luncheons starting on Monday at noon upstairs in Room 277 in the Taylor Building. Boosters and anyone interested in CSI athletics are encouraged to attend. Anyone planning to attend should get their lunch in the CSI cafeteria prior to the meeting and take their tray into the meeting.

CSI coaches from volleyball, basketball and baseball will be on hand to speak and answer questions about their programs.

CSI basketball season opens Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The first official practice and workout for the College of Southern Idaho basketball teams will be on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the CSI gymnasium.

The so-called "Meet the Players Night" is an equivalent to the national "Midnight Madness" events that occur around the nation.

Both Golden Eagle teams will scrimmage followed by a 3-point shooting contest between the teams in a men's "shootout". A pizza party will follow the activities on the balcony at a cost of \$2 per person.

For more information, call Christ at 732-6466.

T.F. racer finishes ninth in NW regional standings

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Steve Jones, the 2000 Mountain Dew Modifieds Magic Valley Speedway champion, topped out at No. 9 in the Northwest Region, according to NASCAR Weekly Racing Series officials.

As a track champion, Jones has been invited to represent the track at the prestigious NASCAR Weekly Racing Series awards banquet, Nov. 2 in Nashville.

Jones recorded three wins and 17 top-five finishes overall at the local track. He will collect more than \$5,000 in possession awards. Roger Avants, of Littleton, Colo., won the Northwest Region championship competing at Colorado National Speedway near Denver. Peter Daniels, of Lebanon, N.H., won the New England Region and national championship after posting 14 victories in Claremont (N.H.) Speedway's NASCAR Modified division.

Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER

Fred Lynn, who batted .611 (11 hits in 18 AB) in the 1982 ALCS.

Skate for life



Andy Andrews crouches above the brand-new Hailey Skate Park. Andrews, along with a core of three Wood River Valley residents, sought to build the park as a place for young people to be able to skate and skateboard. The park is scheduled to open "in a couple of weeks," with a grand-opening planned sometime in the late spring.

Idaho skateboarders glide, grind and gravitate to good times

By Kevin Hall
 Times-News writer

HAILEY — TC would have loved it. With its slippery slopes, breakneck bends and gravity-grabbing grooves, there will be no finer place to grind than the as-yet unopened Hailey Skate Park.

Idaho's newest and soon-to-be coolest place to skateboard was imagined out of the love for a son and built by the hands of the best.

And it's the hope that even if TC, short for Tyler Craig Andrews, can't ever enjoy "surfing the concrete" thousands, young and old, will catch a thrill.

That's how Andy Andrews wants it. See, TC was Andy and Katharine's son. The youngest of six, he was a nationally recognized snowboarder who thrived on the mountains surrounding Sun Valley. What TC did, other kids wanted to do; how he looked or dressed — others would emulate.

And his snowboarding — watch out! Nobody was better.

But TC soon felt overwhelmed, depressed by school back East. He struggled through a learning disability and had a rough time coping with always having to catch up while not being able to pursue his passion on the snow.

Burdened by his troubles, TC shot himself four years ago.

The skatepark is his parents' way to give back now. To know TC's death wasn't for nothing.

TC's spirit lives on at the park. A metal pipe with the welded words "TCA Lives 3-27-81 - 9-21-98" is set in



Twin Falls skateboarder Shawn Black, 31, is making a name for himself with several wins this year in state competitions and a win at a Vans Wapnet Tour regional contest this summer.

the ground nearby.

"TC is probably smiling," Andrews said. "It's pretty ironic that four years to the day (of his death) we poured the last of the cement in the park."

That was Sept. 21.

Skateboarder's delight

Plans for the park's "unofficial" opening are slated for "about two weeks."

Andrews, a dozen high school students and Wood River Valley residents, his wife, Katharine Sheldon, Jim Kuehn and Dave Ferguson wanted to build a healthy, safe place for children and young adults to be able

to gather and recreate.

They formed a committee and raised \$285,000 (thanks in large part to an anonymous donor who matched \$50,000 three-to-one). They tore up the former flat, asphalt skatepark. They hired skatepark guru Dreamland Skateparks of Portland, Ore., to design and build it. Now, their four-year efforts to build the nearly 12,500-square-foot park are close to complete. Once the shrubbery and other landscaping is in place the sounds of children and skateboarders should fill the quirky space.

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U.S. draws even with Europe in Ryder Cup

Singles will determine outcome

By David Teel
 Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England — Three years as Ryder Cup captain, three years of anxiety, agony and ecstasy come to this for Curtis Strange: split or win today's singles matches.

That's all it takes for the United States to retain the Ryder Cup, golf's most coveted team trophy.

That's all? Well, 19 of the last 21 U.S. squads have at least split the singles. Nine of the last 11 have won, usually by overwhelming margins.

"I'm confident," Strange said. "Obviously." He spoke after a rollicking Saturday at The Belfry, where the U.S. split the morning foursomes and gained a point in the afternoon four-balls to forge an 8-all tie entering the 12 singles matches.

The Americans, winners of the last Ryder Cup in 1999, retain it in the event of a tie.

History says Europe's hopes are dim. Its only single victories in the last 43 years occurred in 1985 and '95.

Moreover, the U.S.'s nine Cup veterans are a combined 13-4-5 in singles, with Paul Azinger, David Duval, Jim Furyk and Phil Mickelson undefeated. Europe's eight Cup vets are 7-9-6, with Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer owning six of the victories.

"That's all talk," Europe's Sergio Garcia said. "If we play well, we're better than anybody."

His captain, Sam Torrance, isn't so sure. In a testament to the U.S.'s deadly, he's playing his ace early, with Montgomerie, Garcia, Darren Clarke and Langer in the first four groups.

Conversely, Strange spread his wealth. He leads with Scott Hoch and David Toms, and closes with four of the world's top-10 players Furyk, Davis Love III, Mickelson and Tiger Woods.

"I really think momentum's a great thing," Strange said. "He wants to get the spectators involved. He wants to get momentum early and hopefully that will feed over into the back end of his field."

Strange, a two-time U.S. Open champion, has planned for this day since 1999. He rejoiced when he was appointed, sweated every detail and mourned the tragedies of 9-11 that delayed this event for a year. He joined with Torrance, his friend of 25 years, to bring the proper mix of intensity and respect to the matches.

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Heart attack hospitalizes Cincy coach Bob Huggins

The Associated Press

BEAVER, Pa. — Cincinnati basketball coach Bob Huggins had a heart attack Saturday at Pittsburgh International Airport during a recruiting trip, a hospital spokesman said.

The 48-year-old Huggins was in serious but stable condition at Medical Center, Beaver, about 24 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, hospital spokesman Scott Monti said at a media briefing Saturday.

Huggins had chest pains at the airport, about 11 miles west of Pittsburgh, and was taken to a nearby hospital before he was transferred to the Medical Center, where he had surgery to implant a stent Saturday morning, Monti said. The tiny, metal mesh device is designed to keep Huggins open-clogged artery open.

Huggins will remain in the hospital at least two days but Monti offered no further prognosis and said future questions regarding his health should be directed to University of Cincinnati spokesman Tom Hathaway.

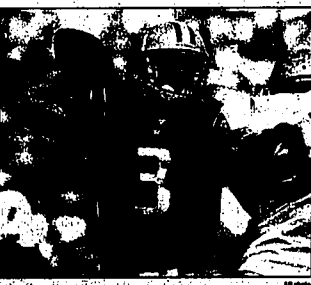
Huggins was at the airport for a flight to Milwaukee for a coaching clinic scheduled to include Maryland's Gary Williams and Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton.

Huggins is known almost as much for his sideline temper as for turning Cincinnati into a perennial winner. He rages at his players' mistakes and at referees' calls designed to keep Huggins open-clogged artery open.

Huggins also has worried about having a heart attack. His father, a high school coach in northern Ohio, had one before the age of 40. Before Cincinnati's annual possession banquet in 1998, Huggins had kickoff on his heart.

The hard-driving Huggins was the third-youngest coach to get 500 wins in Division I. His career record is 500-172, including 332-100 in 13 seasons at Cincinnati.

In March, Huggins turned down a chance to coach West Virginia, his alma mater.



Washington quarterback Cody Pickett passes against Idaho as Idaho defensive end Kody Krass applies pressure. Saturday in Seattle, Pickett threw for 438 yards on 22-of-40 passes as the Huskies won, 43-27.

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Cody Pickett threw for 438 yards — the second-most in Washington history — and three touchdowns as the 13-ranked Huskies defeated Idaho 43-27 Saturday.

Coach Rick Neuheisel spoke all week about improving Washington's option attack, but there was no need because of Pickett's arm. By halftime, he was 22-of-31 for 293 yards, and the Huskies led 28-3.

Washington (3-1) sustained a big setback, however. Standout receiver Reggie Williams didn't return after spraining his left knee early in the second quarter. The severity of the injury wasn't immediately known.

Pickett was 32-of-44 without an interception, one week after throwing for 404 yards in a 38-7 victory over Wyoming. He holds

the school record of 455 yards, set in last year's win over Arizona.

Idaho quarterback Brian Lindgren was 22-of-38 for 309 yards and two TDs, but the Vandals (1-4) haven't beaten Washington since 1905. At least they kept it closer than last year's 53-3 loss.

Even without Williams, Pickett dissected the Idaho defense. In the second quarter, he threw to tight end Kevin Ware for touchdowns of 9 and 2 yards, and found Charles Frederick for a 74-yard TD play.

Frederick also returned a kickoff 43 yards midway through the third quarter, setting up a 20-yard field goal by John Anderson for a 31-10 lead.

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SPORTS

Raft River remains undefeated Salt Lake surprises, embarrasses CSI

Blocked field goal helps Trojans nip Vikings, 18-12

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer



Raft River running back Mac Erickson, ground, completes a 7-yard carry against Valley Saturday in Malta. Raft River's Brodie Hutchins (No. 32) and Tyeell Thomas (No. 79). Valley's Michael Grant (No. 10) and John Jones (No. 52) look on. Raft River upset the previously unbeaten Vikings 18-12.

MALTA - Raft River senior Mac Erickson's assignment at halftime was simple: Be a hero. And did he ever take it to heart, blocking a potential 35-yard game-winning field goal by Valley's Kyle Anderson at the end of regulation to force overtime.

Nothing Erickson does surprises Trojan coach Randy Spaeth anymore. "Whenever we need a big play, he gives us one," he said. "He tried to get on the field the next play (after he hurt his knee), and I had to pull him back and tell him to make sure he was OK." He was.

for Raft River (4-0), Harper cut off right tackle and was hit hard at the 2-yard line by Rick Coates. But Harper somehow kept his balance and lunged into the end zone for the game winner.

There was no doubt in Valley coach Marlin Musmann's mind that the kick would have been good. "When he hits 'em like that, they're in," he said. "All we had to do is block up front. But they wanted it a little more than we did."

In overtime, it was the 5-foot-8, 135-pound Harper who stood the largest for the Trojans as he knocked down a would-be TD throw from Anderson to end the drive of the Vikings (3-1).

"I thought I was out of bounds but then I looked up and I saw the orange pylon and I just dove for it," Harper said. "They said my knee was just inches from the ground but I stayed up."

No-quit Bulldogs earn first victory

The Times-News

HAILLEY - Despite giving up 417 yards on the ground, Kimberly got a pair of touchdowns from Jim Reeves and two Andy McGrew passing touchdowns to upend Wood River 34-33 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference football late Friday in Hailley.

On the second play of overtime

carries for 111 yards and Newberry had five catches for 120 yards.

Camas County 40, Clark County 0

Local sports McGrew passing touchdowns to upend Wood River 34-33 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference football late Friday in Hailley. Ricky Zdrozow also blocked a 32-yard field goal attempt with nine seconds left in the game to preserve the win - Kimberly's first this season.

Declo 49, Filer 13

DUBOIS - Jesse Lemons rushed for 58 yards and had three touchdowns to lead Camas County over Clark County 40-0 late Friday in Dubois.

Chatterton added a 45-yard touchdown, but instead of going for the tie with a kick on the point after, the Wolverines went for two and were stopped. Zdrozow's heroics came up a few minutes later.

Volleyball

Girls soccer

Giants clinch playoffs; Bonds wants much more

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - While the rest of the San Francisco Giants drenched each other with bubbly, beer and water, Barry Bonds stood quietly in a corner with a towel wrapped around his neck.

Baseball

Boys soccer

Giants clinch playoffs; Bonds wants much more

Baseball

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Baseball

Boys soccer

second quarter broke open a scoreless game. And then the Vikings scored on the last play of the first half on a hook-and-ladder pass from Anderson to Nelson who pitched the ball back to Grant at the 32-yard line.

Salt Lake surprises, embarrasses CSI

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Embarrassing, no effort, no pride. Those were the words normally associated with the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program.

'That was the most embarrassed I've been in my life for a team. We stunk. We didn't care. They played without pride whatsoever.'

But those words from head coach Ben Stroud were apt after 20th-ranked Salt Lake Community College came into CSI's gym and handed the Eagles a 30-12, 30-27, 30-23 Seenic West Athletic Conference shocker Saturday afternoon.

- Ben Stroud, CSI coach

"That was the most embarrassed I've been in my life for a team," Stroud said. "We stunk. We didn't care. They played without pride whatsoever."

CSI from pulling away throughout the game. The Bruins turned it up a notch following a timeout to break a 26-all deadlock, taking advantage of mistakes to take a 2-0 lead in games.

No. 4 CSI (17-4, 4-2 SWAC) came out about as flat as could be in Game 1, falling behind 20-6 at one point. SLCC (19-7, 5-1) was clicking from the first serve, leading sister Emma Viera, Sabrina Fréch and Anais Urdaz repeatedly hit around or through block attempts to combine for 34 of the team's 42 kills during the match.

But instead of coming out for Game 2 fired up to avoid the sweep, CSI's flat play and mistakes continued, helping Salt Lake build a 21-8 lead.

"Everyone played well," said Salt Lake coach Julie Morgan. "We really struggled with our consistency, especially getting every player on the same page against the better teams. This is the first time I've seen it."

The Eagles would rally behind the efforts of a visit from Salt Lake for a draw within 27-20, but the big lead was too great to overcome, especially in rally scoring.

"Good execution by Salt Lake was too much for CSI on Saturday."

CSI committed only 10 hitting errors and did not have a player record a minus hitting percentage. CSI had three - Kelly Paiva, Mindee Magill and Kelly Jackson.

"That was probably as good as they can play," Stroud said. "We know which three players we had to watch down. We never touched them."

But instead of coming out for Game 2 fired up to avoid the sweep, CSI's flat play and mistakes continued, helping Salt Lake build a 21-8 lead.

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

The loss hurts CSI's chances to host the north subdistrict tournament. Even if CSI were to win on Oct. 18 at Salt Lake for a 1-1 season series, the Bruins would get the tourney on a tiebreaker.

"We knew they would hit angles and we knew which girls would get all the swings," Stroud said. "We didn't adjust. We had no defense around the block and no block."

"They knew how important this match was," Stroud said. "They knew this was the one match we had to win."

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

It was CSI's first loss to Salt Lake since the national tournament semifinals in 1999, when the Bruins were the national runner-up. The Bruins had their CSI's first loss at home to the Bruins in recent memory.

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

On Tuesday, the Eagles are scheduled to travel to North Idaho College at Lake Shoshone, N.C. 30-21, 30-20.

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

The women's winner was 23-year old Johann Olsen (46-30) who is training to run professionally. She moved to southern Idaho from Minnesota, and ran her first Rim to Rim, as well.

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

Heidi Stutzman, one of the people responsible for keeping the event going in 1996, said she just wanted to be able to run it competently, but now she is busy helping organizers. "It doesn't get to run it anymore."

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

"It's just long enough to make you hate life."

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

Olsen said the four-run tour from the Rim to Rim because the run from a flier at a sporting goods store in Ketchum, where she now lives.

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

"That last fall was the toughest, because we were 22-30-15." Olsen said. "But some women warned me about it before the race, so I knew it was coming."

"We had no defense around the block and no block."

The animal shelter ran out of

MLB capsules - Page C3

headed to the postseason for the second time in Pacific Bell Park's three seasons of existence. After an exciting monthlong playoff race, the Giants (94-66) eliminated the Los Angeles Dodgers (82-89).



San Francisco's Tom Gooden, right, high jumps to catch Reggie Sanders as Jason Christianne pours champagne on them after the Giants beat the Astros 5-2 to clinch a playoff berth.

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Major League Baseball

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Auto Racing: NASCAR, WC, Protection One 400 NBC, 11 a.m.
FL U.S. Grand Prix ABC, 11:30 a.m.
NRAA, Sears Craftsman Nationals ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Boxing: SUNDAY NIGHT FIGHTS FSPT, 4 p.m.

Baseball: Braves at Mets ESPN, 11 a.m.
A's at Rangers ESPN2, 1 p.m.
Mariners at Angels FSPT, 2 p.m.

Golf: Ryder Cup, final match day NBC, 5 a.m.
PGA, Texas Open, final round ESPN, 2 p.m.

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Angels knock off M's

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Brad Fuller hit a two-run triple and a single during a seven-run inning and the Anaheim Angels beat the Seattle Mariners 8-4 Saturday.

Blue Jays 10, Tigers 2
TORONTO - Carlos Delgado hit his 10th home run in September and Toronto matched its season high by winning its sixth straight. Eric Hanks hit his 24th home run for the Blue Jays, 43-32 since the All-Star break.

Red Rays 9, Red Sox 6
BOSTON - Boston's Manny Ramirez doubled twice, going 2-for-4 to improve his AL-leading batting average to .349. Tampa Bay won for just the third time in 18 games against Boston.

Indians 6, Royals 5
CLEVELAND - Jim Thome tied it with his 52nd home, a three-run drive in the eighth, and Ellis Burks had an RBI grounder in the 10th off Mike MacDougal (0-1), a ball that rolled off the glove of shortstop Angel Berroa for an error.

Twins 3, White Sox 2
MINNEAPOLIS - Bobby Kielty hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Mark Buehrle (19-12) to send the AL Central champions to their fourth win in five games. Minnesota opens the playoffs Tuesday at Oakland.

Yankees 4, Orioles 2
BALTIMORE - David Wells (19-7) allowed two hits over five innings, and Bernie Williams had three hits, including a two-run double off Travis Driskill (6-8), as New York (102-58) maintained a half-game lead over Oakland (102-55) in the race for home field advantage throughout the AL playoffs.

Athletics 10, Rangers 8
ARLINGTON, Texas - Terrance Long and Eric Byrnes had consecutive RBI singles in the seventh inning as Oakland rallied from a 7-2 deficit. Miguel

Tejada homered twice for the A's, who overcame a 7-6 deficit in the seventh off Danny Kolb (3-6).

National League
Diamondbacks 17, Rockies 8
PHOENIX - Matt Williams and Steve Finley each homered twice as the World Series champions Arizona Diamondbacks clinched the NL West, defeating the Colorado Rockies.

Dodgers 14, Padres 2
LOS ANGELES - Despite four more hits by Brian Jordan, and a win over San Diego, the Los Angeles Dodgers were eliminated from postseason contention Saturday.

Cardinals 3, Brewers 1
ST. LOUIS (AP) - Chuck Finley earned his 20th career victory and led the St. Louis Cardinals in the hunt for home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs with a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Cubs 5, Pirates 4
CHICAGO - Bobby Hill singled in the first inning, capped a two-run, ninth-inning rally that tied the Chicago Cubs over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Phillies 9, Marlins 3
MIAMI - Placido Polanco and Bobby Abreu hit consecutive doubles in a five-run third inning and Doug Glavino added a two-run homer.

Expos 6, Reds 0
MONTREAL - Vladimir Guerrero went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and remained one homer shy of a 40-40 season when his drive landed directly on top of the right field wall before bouncing back on the field for a running single.

Braves 5, Mets 2
NEW YORK - Chipper Jones reached 100 RBIs for the seventh straight season, John Smoltz got his 55th save to move within two of Bob Feller's major league record and Vinny Castilla hit a two-run homer.

Atlanta 17, Colorado 8
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 4
Montreal 6, Cincinnati 0
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 2

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Oakland (Zito 22-5) at Texas (Bench 4-1), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Valdes 6-11) at Anaheim (Sele 9-9), 2:05 p.m.

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Detroit (Phelps 10-1) at Montreal (Dew 0-1) at St. Louis (Cardinals), 11:05 a.m.
Milwaukee (Franklin 2-1) at St. Louis (Ankeny 5-4), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cogg 12-11) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-11), 12:20 p.m.
Houston (Cowan 19-4) at San Francisco (Ortiz 14-10), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lincecum 4-4) at Baltimore (Roberts 2-4), 11:35 a.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-5) at Los Angeles (Alvarez 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 11-3) at Arizona (Pate 9-1), 4:25 p.m.
End of Regular Season

PGA Texas Open
Pete Dinklage won the PGA Texas Open on Sunday, finishing at 137 (3 under par) to beat runner-up Tiger Woods at 138 (4 under par).

WTA Wimbledon Internationals
At Wimbledon, the women's singles title was won by Serena Williams, who defeated Venus Williams in the final.

ATP Masters Open
Rafael Nadal won the ATP Masters Open in Madrid, finishing at 67 (3 under par) to beat runner-up Roger Federer at 68 (4 under par).

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SPORTS

Cyclones, Hawkeyes win big for state of Iowa

Boise State drops Aggies

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Iowa might be known as the "Hawkeye State," but on Saturday the state was celebrating big victories by both its major college teams.

Not long after Iowa defeated Penn State (3-1) on its trip to secure its second OT victory over the Nittany Lions in three years.

In Ames, Iowa, Seneca Wallace and the Cyclones (5-1, 20 Big 12) pulled away to take a 26-10 lead and never looked back against the struggling Cornhuskers.

The versatile Wallace ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to help Iowa State beat the Huskers for the first time in a decade.

Thousands of red-clad Iowa State fans ran onto the field when the game ended, with many climbing the goal posts.

"I got a fat lip out of that," McCoy said with a smile. "I don't think somebody hit me on purpose. That can get a little dangerous, but I'll try to fight my way out of that danger any time."

The 22-point margin was the Cyclones' largest against Nebraska since a 34-0 win in 1899.

Nebraska (3-2, 0-1), coming off a humiliating 40-7 loss at Penn State two weeks ago, has lost consecutive regular-season games for the first time since 1976.

They also could fall out of the AP Top 25 for the first time since 1981, ending a run of 348 straight appearances.

No. 3 Oklahoma 31, South Florida 14

NORMAN, Okla. — Nate Hybl threw two touchdown passes and Antonio Perkins returned a punt 82 yards for a score as No. 2 Oklahoma beat South Florida 31-14 Saturday night.

The Bronco's (4-0), who were idle last week, punted on their first four possessions before Perkins got them going with his punt return 4 minutes into the second quarter. He wound up with 150 yards on six returns.

Hybl added his TD passes later in the quarter, each time after South Florida turnovers. The Bulls (2-2) lost two of their three punt returns and intercepted and penalized 15 times for 124 yards.

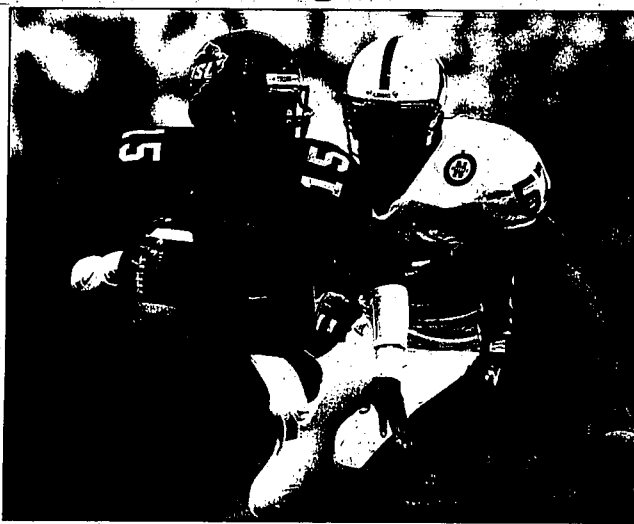
No. 3 Texas 49, Tulane 0

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Simmons passed for 176 yards and two short touchdowns, and Selvin Young had two short TD passes after returning a punt 71 yards for a score.

Cedric Benson added 88 yards and a 15-yard touchdown for the Longhorns (4-0), who handed Tulane (2-3) its first shutout since 1995, when the Green Wave lost to Southern Miss 45-0.

No. 5 Virginia Tech 30, Western Michigan 0

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Lee



Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace, left, runs from Nebraska defender Chris Kelsay, right, during the second quarter Saturday in Ames, Iowa. Iowa State won the game, 36-14.

Suggs and Kevin Jones each ran for a touchdown, and Suggs added a touchdown receiving for the Hokies (5-0).

The Virginia Tech defense allowed just 35 yards rushing, and the unit got a touchdown when linebacker Alex Markogiannakis, a senior making his first start, recovered a fumble and ran for the score.

The Broncos (1-3) trailed only 3-0 late in the second quarter when Virginia Tech broke the game open by scoring two touchdowns in a 20-second span.

No. 6 Ohio St. 45, Indiana 17

COLUMBUS, Ohio — After missing a week because of a knee operation, Maurice Clarett ran for 104 yards and scored three times on short first-half runs to lead the Buckeyes.

Clarett had arthroscopic surgery Sept. 17 to repair torn cartilage in his right knee. There was some bleeding around the incision at halftime, but doctors stitched him back up before he went back onto the field.

The three touchdowns gave Clarett nine in four games — the most by an Ohio State freshman during one season in more than half a century.

No. 7 Florida 41, Kentucky 34

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In a game full of big plays, big mistakes and huge momentum shifts, the Gators somehow came out with a victory over the revived Wildcats.

Keivan Ratliff returned an interception for a touchdown and scored two points on a defensive conversion to help the Gators (4-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) overcome their own mistakes and Derek Abney's two special-teams touchdowns.

Abney's punt return pulled Kentucky (4-1, 0-1) to 32-35 with 5:24 left, and might have left the Gators wondering what else could go wrong. Just then, Ratliff stepped in front of Jared Lorenzen's pass and made it to the end zone for a second time, this time for two points and a seven-point lead.

No. 8 Georgia 41, New Mexico State 10

ATHENS, Ga. — Damien Gary

returned a punt 71 yards for a first-quarter touchdown, and the Bulldogs also blocked a punt for the second week in a row to beat New Mexico State (1-3).

No. 11 Tennessee 35, Rutgers 14

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Rutgers kept Kelley Washington from making any plays the first half. When the Scarlet Knights (1-4) left Tennessee's star receiver alone after halftime, that's when the Volunteers started ruffling.

Washington had seven catches for 197 yards and a touchdown, all in the second half, as the 11-ranked Volunteers (3-1) stumbled badly early on but rallied to beat Rutgers 35-14 Saturday.

No. 14 Michigan 45, Illinois 28

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — John Navarre threw for 264 yards and four touchdowns, and Michigan's defense forced five turnovers.

Michigan (4-1), second to last in scoring in the Big Ten, put up 21 straight points against Illinois in the conference opener for both teams. After winning the Big Ten last year, Illinois (1-4) is off to its worst start since going 0-11 in 1997.

No. 16 Washington St. 48, Berkeley 38

BERKELEY, Calif. — Despite having a dislocated rib, Jason Gesser passed for 431 yards and four touchdowns as Washington State rallied from a 21-9 halftime deficit.

Jerome Riley had seven receptions for 139 yards and a touchdown, leading three 100-yard receivers for the Cougars (4-1).

Kyle Boller threw for a career-high 371 yards and three touchdowns to lead Cal, which lost its second straight game after starting 3-0.

No. 17 N.C. State 56, Massachusetts 24

RALEIGH, N.C. — T.A. McLendon ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns for the Wolfpack, who didn't look impressive in moving to 6-0 but still got off to their best start since 1991.

N.C. State also two touchdowns on special teams from Lamont

Reid — on a 97-yard kickoff return just before halftime and a 15-yard blocked punt return in the fourth quarter.

No. 18 USC 22, No. 23 Oregon St. 0

LOS ANGELES — Carson Palmer threw a pair of touchdown passes to Mike Williams, and Southern California's defense handed Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson the first regular-season shutout of his career.

USC (3-1, 1-0 Pac-10) beat the Beavers (4-1, 0-1) for the 19th straight time with a week to collect as the Cougars went to 1960.

Oregon State had just 131 yards. Quarterback Derek Anderson was just 8-of-30 for 80 yards, and he lost two fumbles.

No. 22 LSU 31, Mississippi State 13

BATON ROUGE, La. — Dominick Davis had 295 all-purpose yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Tigers.

The defending Southeastern Conference champions (3-1, 1-0) have beaten Mississippi State (1-3, 0-2) in 10 of the last 11 games, including six straight at Tiger Stadium.

No. 24 Texas A&M 31, Louisiana Tech 3

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Dustin Long threw Texas A&M's first passing touchdown in seven regular-season games, leading the 24th-ranked Aggies to a 31-3 victory over Louisiana Tech on Saturday night.

Long, one of three quarterbacks to play for the Aggies this season, hit Jamar Taylor for a 25-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

Van Felt also ran for 128 yards and a touchdown, and Cecil Sapp had 125 yards rushing and a touchdown for the Rams (4-1).

No. 25 Colorado State 32, Nevada 28

After trailing 21-7 in the third quarter, Bradlee Van Felt used the option to start Colorado State's rally, and his 34-yard touchdown to Joel Dreessen with 2:43 remaining gave the Rams the win.

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BOISE (AP) — B.J. Rhode threw for 376 yards and five touchdowns as Boise State beat Utah State 63-38 in a nonconference game.

Rhode made only the third start of his career, substituting for quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie, who broke his ankle in the Bronco's second game of the season.

Rhode threw touchdown passes of 57 and 67 yards to Jay Swille, and David Mikell rushed for two scores as the two teams combined for 974 yards in total offense.

Rhode tossed an 8-yard touchdown pass to Brock Forsey for the game's first score. Defensive back Julius Brown returned a fumble 38 yards for a touchdown to give BSU a 21-3 lead in the first quarter.

Rhode threw a 13-yarder to Rocky Adams at the first snap of the 12-24 halftime lead. By then, Rhode completed 13 out of 15 passes and threw for four touchdowns and 281 yards.

Aggie quarterback Jose Fuentes completed 21 of 34 passes for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Fuentes became USU's career total offense leader on his 37-yard touchdown pass to Kevin

Regional college scoreboard

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Curtis in the first quarter. His 61782 yards at the end of the game surpassed Tony Adams' 577 yards.

Curtis had five receptions for 117 yards while Billy Wingfield caught six passes for 128 yards.

After a scoreless third quarter Utah State (1-4) got its deficit to 42-31 early in the fourth period when Jamar Glasper recovered a blocked punt in the end zone.

But the Bronco's (3-1) put the game out of reach when Rhode threw his fifth touchdown pass of the night, a 63-yarder to Wingfield, and Mikell scored from 40 yards out, increasing BSU's lead to 56-31.



Air Force halfback Don Clark, left, pulls in the winning touchdown pass as Utah defensive back Arnold Parker grabs at him during the fourth quarter Saturday in Salt Lake City. Air Force beat Utah 30-26.

Air Force soars to 4-0, stops Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — Perhaps it's going to be one of those wild seasons for Air Force, when the improbable happens so often that throwing a game-winning touchdown pass in the final minute doesn't prompt the Falcons into turning cartwheels all the way back to the academy.

The celebrating was a little more intense for Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, who showed up for his postgame news conference drenched from some kind of celebration.

The need for a party developed because Air Force turned the 1998 season into a dismal first half. At the game's end, Air Force used the 20-yard scoring toss from Chance Harridge to Don Clark with 17 seconds remaining Saturday afternoon to overcome a 30-26 deficit before a crowd of 35,659 at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Air Force (4-0, 2-0 Mountain West Conference) trailed 26-6 at halftime then shut out Utah (3, 0-1) for the final half with a blitz-happy defense and Clark's first two touchdowns of his college career.

Three consecutive close victories, including an overtime win against New Mexico on Sept. 7 and a road win last week over then-No. 23 California, might vault Air Force into the Top 25 today for the first time since the final 1998 season poll.

"Once again, we found a way to win," Harridge said. "Wow! Keep it going!"

Harridge found Clark open on the right side in the end zone for the first time since the 1998 season. They teamed up for the first touchdown in the 24-point sec-

ond half rally less than five minutes after getting scolded by DeBerry.

"I simply told them that if they thought they were out of the game, they were," DeBerry said. "But they really believed in each other and they really believed they could come back and win this game."

It wasn't plausible. Utah had an advantage of 233-116 in total yards by then.

Utah tailback Brandon Hixfield, a rugged 6-foot, 200-pound junior, looked like the Heisman Trophy candidate, finishing with a career-high 193 rushing yards and three touchdowns. His total was more than Utah's final sum (181) and Air Force's total (188), a season low by the nation's top rushing team.

However, Utah mustered only 57 total yards and three first downs in the second half. In the fourth quarter, Air Force got the first touchdown on the field as Clark struck covering 23 yards, a Joey Ashcroft 22-yard field goal and Anthony Balfanz's 60-yard burst over the right side to set up the final drive.

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Chance put the ball in there perfectly," Clark said. "He did what he was supposed to do, so I could do my job."

Defense rallies Bengals to win over Sac State

By Brady Slater, Idaho State Journal

FOCATELLO — There was something symbolic in quarterback Doug Baughman rushing from the sideline to midfield to congratulate an exasperated Jared Allen at the end of Idaho State's 32-24 victory over Sacramento State on Saturday.

Sure, the offense did its part in the victory in that they did enough to win. But it was the defense that made a comeback from 14-0 down possible. It was the defense that gave the offense the ball back time and time again. It was in the defense that the Bengals found their backbone and their explosive playmaker.

With the victory, Idaho State improved to 2-2 (1-1 Big Sky Conference). For the first time in the last 11 games, the Bengals trailed at the half, 17-15. Idaho State came back to win the game.

In doing so, the Bengals once again exhibited a fight that hasn't been a characteristic of recent Bengal victories.

"You've seen it," said Allen, a junior defensive end. "We've hung our heads. This year, our chins are up. The defense and offense are clicking. They believe in one another. You can see it in the eyes on the sideline."

The first sign of fight wasn't the Bengal's first touchdown, which went flat immediately after the extra point sailed wide. No, the buzz began shortly after that ob-

scured Matt Proffitt's flying blitz that snuffed Hornet quarterback Ryan Ledingham on third down.

From there on the Bengals were blitzing, fighting and flying around, producing dizzying results — 13 tackles for a loss, five sacks, four forced fumbles and one interception. Ten different Bengals tackled behind the line of scrimmage and five separate defenders racked up the sacks.

The most telling stat of the evening: Idaho State limited Sacramento State to 5 of 16 third-down conversions.

"Third down, that's when we need to get off the field," said Josh Whitworth, who made 12 tackles and intercepted a pass on third down that set up a 3-yard touchdown plunge by Isaac Mitchell to put the Bengals up 29-17 in the third quarter.

Vandals

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Anderson also kicked a 36-yard field goal in the fourth to make it 41-20.

The Washington defense contributed, too. Safety Greg Corsham helped the Huskies to a 7-0 lead when he scooped a one-bounce fumble by Idaho's Blair Lewis and ran 25 yards to the end zone five minutes after the opening kickoff.

The Vandals finally got organized late in the second quarter, moving 48 yards in 30 seconds to score on a 49-yard field goal by Keith Stamps on the final play of the half. That cut the lead to 28-25.

TD pass to Christopher Belsler. Pickett was too much, though.

The only time he was denied was when the sideline official ruled that the end zone existed midway through the third period wasn't good enough for a TD.

Unable to find an open receiver, Pickett faked out linebacker Chad Koldani and leaped for the yard.

The ball, though, was placed at the 1 for fourth down, and Anderson kicked his first field goal in the game.

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New England	3	0	0	1,000	115	59	2-0	1-0	3-0	0-0
Buffalo	1	1	1	333	99	104	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	333	47	105	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Indianapolis	2	1	1	667	75	53	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0
Jacksonville	1	1	1	667	105	47	1-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0
Tennessee	1	1	1	333	47	76	1-0-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Cleveland	2	1	1	667	50	47	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-1-0
Baltimore	0	0	0	333	44	76	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Pittsburgh	0	2	2	0	333	48	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
Cincinnati	0	2	1	0	333	94	0-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady steps up into the pocket against the Kansas City Chiefs in Foxboro, Mass., last Sunday. Brady threw for a career-high, 38-of-54 for 410 yards passing, as the Patriots won in overtime 41-38.

Patriots will show if Chargers are for real

By Bernie Wilson, Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Real or imagined? Contender or pretender? The surprising San Diego Chargers will get a better idea about their true identity when they play host to the defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots today in a matchup of 3-0 teams.

"This is the biggest game we've played in probably three years," Pro Bowl linebacker Junior Seau said. "The last three years, there wasn't much to play for. This game means something."

If they can win it. And history has been unkind to the Chargers, who've lost 10 straight to the Patriots since 1973, including 29-26 in overtime last year in Foxboro after Tom Brady rallied New England from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit.

The Chargers are desperate to break out of their long shadow of losing. Seeing the Patriots' Super Bowl rings, the Chargers would like to become the next team to go from nowhere to champions, especially with this season's Super Bowl scheduled for their home stadium.

When he took over a Chargers team that led an NFL scoring 23-57 the last five seasons, Marty Schottenheimer said his goal was to win a championship. Even with that gritty 156-93-1 record in 17 seasons as an NFL head coach, Schottenheimer has yet to make it to the Super Bowl.

General manager John Butler has no Super Bowl rings just an 0-4 record in the 14 games at Parkview Stadium in the 1990s. Butler's owner, Alex Spanos has

only a Super Bowl migraine, the result of that 49-26 pounding his Chargers took from San Francisco in the 1995 championship game.

The Chargers hope this year matters. They've missed the playoffs the last six seasons.

"I'm trying to win the Super Bowl," receiver Curtis Conway said. "So New England's the next team in line to try to go out and beat."

The Chargers are 3-0 largely on the strength of their defense, ranked No. 1 in the NFL. Strong safety Rodney Harrison has missed two games with a pulled groin and is questionable for this one. Seau is probable with a strained ankle.

San Diego's offense, which has been pondering what twists New England coach Bill Belichick will throw at it, has been efficient if not flashy behind quarterback Drew Brees and running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

Still, the Chargers wonder just how good they are. Some self-doubt seemed to creep into Tomlinson's mind.

"A win would be great," Tomlinson said. "Even if it was a close game and we came out on the upset end of the stick — which I hope we don't, and that we're planning on doing — I'd be happy. Because once again, those guys are Super Bowl champions. They're coming into this year with kind of a swagger, and they should have a swagger."

After routing Pittsburgh and the New York Jets, the Patriots had a lull, losing overtime to the Oakland Raiders (17-16). Patriots running back Ed McCaffrey ran for 180 yards and sur-

dered 349 yards overall.

"It's good that we got through it and won," defensive tackle Steve Martin said. "It was a good awakening for us, because we've been living kind of the life of luxury for the first two weeks. We've got to get the problems we had last week fixed or we're going to have to struggle with the same thing."

The Patriots' victory over San Diego last year, capped by Adam Vinatieri's 44-yard field goal, started a string of 10 wins in 12 games.

"We pulled that out and I think that told you a little bit about the toughness of the team, not only physical but mental toughness, especially," said Brady, who went from second-stringer to Super Bowl MVP, and already has nine TD passes this year.

"So that was kind of a point where we realized it doesn't matter what the situation is. Down 10 in the fourth quarter, there's still a lot to be gained from rough situations like that."

For the Chargers, it was one of many times they failed to protect late leads; something they hope they've solved under the disciplinarian Schottenheimer.

"We've won our first three games, and we're happy with that, but we know some big dogs are coming into town this weekend," defensive end Marcus Willey said. "It's going to be huge for us."

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Carolina at Green Bay
3-0 2-1

The Panthers' chance to prove they're legit — although Carolina is atop the NFC South, its first three opponents are a mixed bag. Carolina is the NFL's No. 2 defense, but it will get its biggest test against Brett Favre and the Packers, No. 2 in offense. 11 a.m.

Chicago at Buffalo
2-1 1-2

The Bears' 12-game string of pulling out clutch victories ended when they blew a 20-0 lead against New Orleans last week. Chicago must find a way to protect leads against a Bills offense that has shown a prolific ability to produce fourth-quarter comebacks. Buffalo's troubles have revolved around the offense's inability to start quickly and the defense's inability to make a critical stop, particularly against the run. 11 a.m.

Dallas at St. Louis
1-2 0-3

The Rams need to start cashing in on big plays, their forte, and eliminate costly mistakes. Kurt Warner has seven interceptions, and he's had little time to throw behind a shaky line. Things may get shakier if All-Pro tackle Orlando Pace (partially torn calf muscle) can't play. And Marshall Faulk (neck) is questionable. Emmitt Smith's slow march to the NFL career rushing record could get slower if guard Larry Allen (ankle) can't go. 11 a.m.

New Orleans at Detroit
3-0 0-3

The Saints have won their first three games over playoff teams for the first time in team history. Aaron Brooks is using his strong arm and quick feet to create nightmarish opportunities for opponents. The Lions may not know where they're going, but they've heard coach Mary Mornhinweg is here to stay. Rookie quarterback Joey Harrington will make his second NFL start after throwing four interceptions and two touchdowns and almost leading Detroit to a come-from-behind victory against Green Bay. 11 a.m.

Cleveland at Pittsburgh
2-1 0-2

The Steelers look to test their old teammate LB Earl Holmes by running Jerome Bettis his way early and often. The Browns have lost 25 of their last 30 in Pittsburgh and were blown out there 28-7 in a meaningless end-of-season game in January. Look for coach Bill Cowher to insert backup quarterback Tommy Maddox if Kordell Stewart continues to have problems with turnovers. 11 a.m.

NFL WEEK 4
Battle of the unbeatens

The NFL's highest-scoring offense matches up against the league's top defense when Tom Brady and the New England Patriots visit Drew Brees and the San Diego Chargers on Sunday. New England is seeking its first 4-0 start since 1999. The Chargers were last 4-0 in 1994.

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Houston at Philadelphia
1-2 2-1

Since stunning Dallas in the opener, the expansion Texans have managed just one field goal in each of their last two games. The offense is the worst in the NFL, and rookie quarterback David Carr has been sacked 19 times. Houston has committed a league-high 32 penalties. The Eagles outscored the Redskins and Cowboys 81-20 since an opening loss. The defense hasn't allowed a touchdown in two games, but the special teams gave up a punt return to Washington and a kick return to Dallas. QB Donovan McNabb is off to his best start. 11 a.m.

Miami at Kansas City
3-0 1-2

Perhaps the two best running backs in the NFL today will be on display in Kansas City Sunday. The Chiefs' Priest Holmes and Dolphins' Ricky Williams — exactly 8 more than Holmes. The Chiefs rank 32nd in pass defense, giving up a whopping 357 yards a game. 11 a.m.

N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville
1-2 0-3

The Jaguars, who went 7-1 at home every year from 1996-99, have lost their last four at home and seven of their last 10. Meanwhile, they've won four of their last five on the road. If coach Herman Edwards decides Curtis Martin's ankle isn't well enough to play, LaMont Jordan will get his first career start. Jordan has 12 rushes for 46 yards this season. 11 a.m.

N.Y. Giants at Arizona
2-1 1-2

The Giants face an NFC West opponent for the fourth consecutive weekend, but this one is mighty familiar. New York and Arizona were members of the NFC East until realignment this year. The temperature should be around 100 degrees. "I've only had two times when I thought I would die on the football field," the Giants' Michael Strahan said, "and both were in Arizona." 2:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Cincinnati
2-1 0-3

The Buccaneers are thinned by injury. Left guard Kerry Jenkins broke his lower leg, and right tackle Konyanta Walker severely sprained his ankle. Linebacker Derrick Brooks has a strained hamstring that jeopardizes his streak of 99 consecutive starts. The Bengals turn to third-string quarterback Aki Smith, who has started only one game in the last two seasons and is 3-13 as a starter. Cincinnati has scored only 16 points, second-fewest in the NFL. 2:05 p.m.

New England at San Diego
3-0 3-0

The Super Bowl champs should be up this week for the surprising San Diego Chargers. This could be a defining game for the Chargers after wins over second-rate teams. Beating the Super Bowl champs could propel them to realistic playoff contention, even in the AFC West, when Denver and Oakland also are undefeated. 2:15 p.m.

Tennessee at Oakland
1-2 2-0

The Titans will be without defensive end Jarvis Karse, who's out with a broken bone in his left foot. The Raiders believe the Titans' defensive line will be the toughest Oakland has faced yet. Oakland's players expect a little more balanced offense this week after quarterback Rich Gannon passed 54 times two weeks ago against Pittsburgh — but who knows? New coach Bill Callahan has been far from predictable so far. 2:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle
0-3 0-3

A matchup of wireless teams got more interesting when Vikings WR Randy Moss was arrested this week after a traffic incident in Minneapolis. He'll try to boost Minnesota's struggling offense one week after QB Daunte Culpepper threw a career-high 40 interceptions in a loss to Carolina. The Seahawks are having a hard time moving the ball, too, with Trent Dilfer throwing for 118 yards and Shaun Alexander rushing for 37 yards in last week's 9-6 loss to the Giants. 6:30 p.m.

Monday night
Denver at Baltimore
3-0 0-2

"They want to use this stage to show the world that they're a legitimate Super Bowl team," Ravens coach Brian Billick, whose teams have been outscored 357-126 in two games, said of Denver. The game marks the return to Baltimore of tight end Shannon Sharpe, who left the Broncos in 2000 and won a Super Bowl with the Ravens. 7 p.m.

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SPORTS

Skate

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 "We got together and formed a group and there was about a dozen kids (friends of TC's)," Andrews said. "We met every Wednesday that whole school year (in 1998-99) and started working on getting a skatepark for the kids."

One of only 16 such "world-class" skateparks built by Dreamland Skateparks, the Hailey Skate Park has skateboarders from across the globe, frothing to speed down its 14-foot "vert" or vertical ramp, only to jet up and over the 16-foot full-radius pipe - and into the 13-foot deep bowl at the other end.

The park itself resembles a freakish swimming pool with its below-seawater bowl at one end, steadily curving around to a shallower end where the ramp and pipe await. Rails are there for boarders to "grind" or "slide" on and a set of steps can be used for "ollies" or "tail grabs."

One such skateboarder anxious to try out his tricks on the extreme park is Twin Falls' Shawn Black.

"It's going to be incredible," Black said. "The whole park is built at the thought of skating it, 12-foot deep bowls, the ramp, the pipe. ... The park is going to blow people away."

A way of life

Black himself is considered "old school" by today's standards.

At 31, the goateed, tattooed, bespectacled husband and father of one doesn't mind the label.

He insists upon it.

Getting his first skateboard at 5, Black is a longtime fixture on the Magic Valley skateboarding scene - even before there was a so-called "scene" in the late '80s.

"We used to have a big vert ramp over at CSI, where those two big flags are now," he said, choking up with the memory. He has so many memories of the park in three months to build. That was our first, park-type place for Twin."

The ramp lasted all of two years when vandals, stunt bicyclists and the city decided to tear it down.

So Black and his friends skated where they could, often being chased away by angry shopkeepers.

Finally, after years of trying, the Magic Valley Skateboard Association terms the group of parents and skateboarders to rally for a local skatepark. On June 25, 2001, the 10,000-square-foot Twin Falls skatepark opened. Fifteen months later, the park remains abuzz with visible, happy children, observant parents and responsible skateboarders sharing good times around the bowl.

"We have the park and it's great," Black said. "But some of us older guys are stepping in and working on the next phase. We want a big deep bowl for the big boys. (The park) now is more of a beginner to intermediate park. You master everything here and then you need something new."

Black sees himself as a regular visitor upon the park in Hailey opens. Regular, in weekly or weekend intervals, right?

"Totally," he said, with a grin. "The best pros in the world are going to be going to (Hailey)."

Some already have tried it out such as Mark Gonzales, Julian Stranger and The Bash Magazine editor Jake Phelps. Tony Hawk can't be far behind.

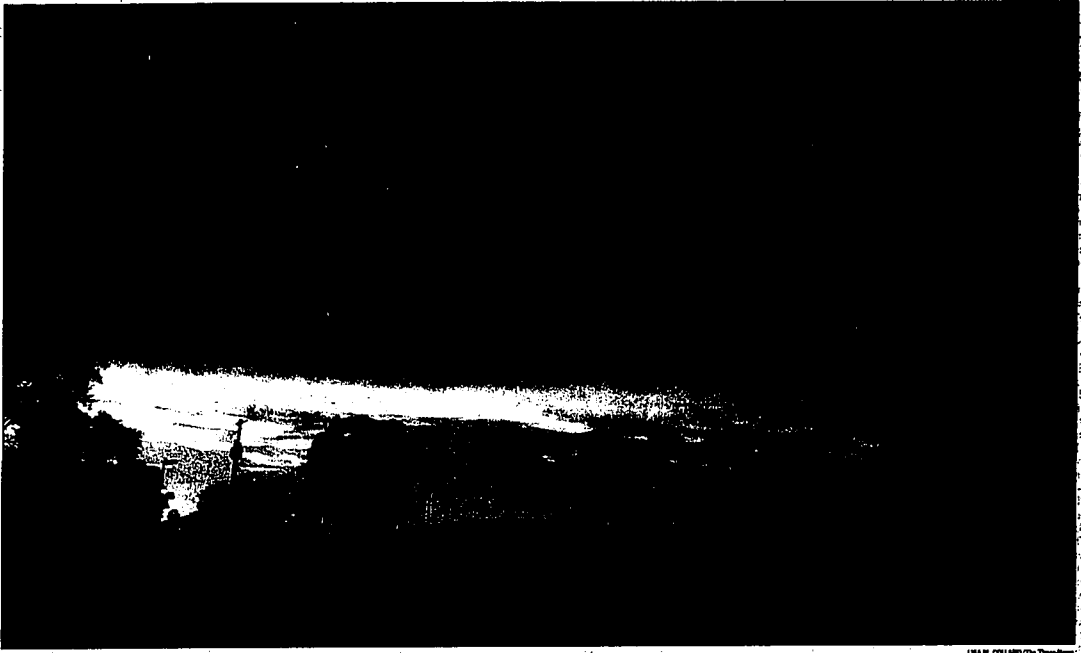
"The guys at Dreamland come up with the craziest concepts and they make world-class parks like Hailey because of it," Black said.

Dreaming of X Games

Black of X Games skateboarding professionally himself. He's won over 40 trophies in regional, state and local contests, including winning a Vans Amateur Regional competition this past summer in Boise during the annual Warped Tour.

That win gives him a shot at realizing his dream. In February, he'll skate at the Vans World Amateur contest in Orlando, Fla. The champion will earn a professional contract with a skateboarding company.

Black, along with another Twin Falls skateboarder, Andy Sheppard, is sponsored by Board



Andy Sheppard does a trick in the twilight of the evening at the Twin Falls skatepark. Sheppard is an up-and-coming skateboarder who already has a sponsor in the Board Bin in Ketchum.

Bin in Ketchum. The deal provides the two with T-shirts, some skateboard parts and stickers. But mostly, a feeling that their love of skateboarding is making a difference beyond that of a hobby.

Black is known as a vertical and ramp rider who mixes spinning, high-flying tricks with street moves like handstands and wheelies.

"The guy is a showman. He's just a naturally great skater," said Don Martin, who runs the Meridian-based Northwest Amateur Skateboarding League (NASL).

Martin should know. Black has won three straight contests on the NASL regional circuit on his way to possibly taking the inaugural state championship Oct. 19 at the new McDewott skatepark in Boise.

Martin, who is a transportation

broker by day and a skateboarding promoter by night, founded the NASL after moving from California and realizing how big the sport was growing in Idaho.

So in April, he and skateboard sponsors Monster Skate.com, MasterCard, Circa Shoe Co. and King of Kings started a statewide tour of skateparks to give local riders some exposure and to build up the sport.

The tour stopped in Rexburg on Saturday and has already hit skate parks in Nampa, Eagle Falls, Blackfoot, Pocatello, Twin Falls and Boise. Next year, Martin said he hopes to include possibly the new park in Burley and the one in Hailey, though he admits the latter may be too much for younger riders.

"It's been awesome. I've been overwhelmed by the kids and the parents," Martin said. "The involvement, the excitement and the dedication has been unbelievable. Most of the kids are just ready to skate and have been ready to skate. We just stepped up to the plate at the right time."

Fanatic following

Martin said skateboarding is a phenomenon that sees no end in sight. And judging by the numbers - 10 million skateboarders in the United States, according to TransWorld magazine - he could be right.

"It is the fastest growing sport

in the country," Martin said. "There are more skateparks per capita than I've seen here. They're building new ones in Mountain Home, Kuna, McCall ... they're building them all over."

Martin said as more parents understand the importance for their children to be able to express themselves on a skateboard and the fun that it creates, the more they get involved, and the better it is for the sport.

"We used to see the parents just drop their kids off and leave," he said. "A year later, here those same parents are watching and saying, 'How come you can't land it here? You land it during prac-

tice.' Now that it is becoming more of a sport, they are involved. We used to see Moms and Dads dropping off their kids. Now we see them coaching their kids."

"These parks aren't just here to be here. They're here to use. We're giving kids the chance to show off their talents."

Andrews understands. "If one other kid has a bad day, like TC was having and this park was here, TC would've been jamming," Andrews said.

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Duval takes on the 10th hole with a driver - and wins it

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England (AP) - David Duval went where no other American dared to go.

A gamble Tiger Woods and Davis Love III refused to take - even though it nearly cost them a match - was just what Duval and Mark Calcavecchia needed Saturday to spark the biggest comeback win of this Ryder Cup.

Duval's bold decision to drive the treacherous 10th hole paid off when his ball landed on the green, and his 2-putt birdie not only won the hole but also gave the Americans a badly needed boost.

"I hadn't thought about hitting it all week. But in that situation we needed something," Duval said. "To swing the momentum, we felt like we had to take the best shot."

Standing on the 10th tee trailing by two holes, Duval reached into his bag and did what the Americans weren't supposed to do - pull out the driver.

The hole was only 277 yards away, which by itself wasn't a problem.

"That's just a slice for me," Duval said.

But the U.S. players had already decided among themselves that threading a shot around trees, over water and onto a narrow slice of a green was way too risky for the Ryder Cup.

"It was discussed earlier in the week that it wasn't a good play," Love said.

Maybe Duval missed the team meeting where the subject was brought up.

"It was not something I had ruled out," Duval said. "It was not something I planned on doing either."

The plan was hatched somewhere between the ninth hole - where Calcavecchia had just made a crucial putt to keep him and Duval two holes down in their best ball match with Niclas Fasth and Jesper Parnevik - and



David Duval of the U.S. celebrates after sinking a birdie putt on the 10th, during his and Mark Calcavecchia's Ryder Cup match against Europe's Niclas Fasth and Jesper Parnevik at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, England, Saturday.

the 10th tee.

The Americans were plodding along and lucky to be only 2-down at the turn. They needed something to happen - and fast.

Calcavecchia led off with a 7-iron safely in the middle of the fairway and by then the decision was sealed. As Duval pulled out the driver, there was a buzz from the surprised crowd and a surprised look on the faces of the two Swedes he was trying to beat.

"I thought if I hit it up there it would force their hand a bit," Duval said. "And that's what ended up happening."

Indeed it did. Duval launched a high fade around the towering trees and over the water, with the ball landing just on the green before rolling to about 20 feet of

the hole.

Now the Europeans had to answer. Fasth played safely into the fairway but Parnevik, after some debate, took out his driver and went for it. His ball ended up in the water to the side of the green, and Duval went on to win the hole with a 2-putt birdie.

Just like that, the momentum changed. The Americans won the 12th and 13th holes with birdies, and never trailed again. They ended up winning 1-up, one of three afternoon wins by the U.S. team that pulled it to an 8-8 tie going into today's singles matches.

"Right there the momentum switched and we knew we were going to make a run at them," Calcavecchia said.

Saturday's Ryder Cup matches: U.S. 4.5, Europe 3.5

ALTERNATE SHOT

Europe 2, United States 2
Phil Mickelson and David Toms, United States, def. Pierre Fulke and Phillip Price, Europe, 2 and 1. Fulke missed a 7-foot birdie putt on the 12th that would have given Europe a 2-up lead. The Americans won the next two holes with pars, then Mickelson hit a 3-wood from 249 yards to 3 feet for an eagle putt that was conceded. Mickelson hit a bunker shot from a plugged lie against the lip to save par and stay 2 up, and they closed out the match with a par on the 17th.

Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood, Europe, def. Stewart Cink and Jim Furyk, United States, 2 and 1. The Europeans never trailed, but it was never easy as 13 of the 17 holes they played were halved. Europe wasted a chance to go 2 up when Westwood missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the 15th, but the Americans bogeyed the 16th and failed to birdie the par-5 17th to stay in the match.

Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer, Europe, def. Scott Verplank and Scott Hoch, United States, 1 up. Montgomerie gave Europe a 2-up lead with a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 10, but Verplank kept the Americans close with a 35-foot birdie on the next hole, and Hoch reached the edge of the par-5 15th green in two to square the match. The pivotal hole was No. 17, where Verplank missed the green and Langer hit his approach 5 feet behind the hole for a birdie. Hoch nearly chipped in on the 18th for a halve, but the ball turned away to the right.

Tiger Woods and Davis Love III, United States, def. Darren Clarke and Thomas Bjorn, Europe, 4 and 3. The Americans led behind quickly by missing the fair way, but they hit his approach to 5 feet on the second hole. Woods made the putt and they never trailed again. They won the fourth and sixth holes with pars to make the turn at 2-up, then stretched the lead to three holes when Bjorn hit into the bunker on the 11th hole and Clarke missed an 8-footer for par.

BEST BALL

United States 2.5, Europe 1.5
Mark Calcavecchia and David Duval, United States, def. Niclas Fasth and Jesper Parnevik, Europe, 2 up. Making his first appearance of the week, Parnevik contributed two birdies to build a 3-up lead through seven holes. Duval's gamble paid off on No. 10 when he drove the green for a two-putt birdie, and he and Calcavecchia combined for five birdies on the next six holes. Duval clinched it with a 4-iron into 10 feet for par on the last.

Colin Montgomerie and Padraig Harrington, Europe, def. Phil Mickelson and David Toms, United States, 2 and 1. Montgomerie birdied the second hole to give Europe a lead it never surrendered. The Europeans combined for six birdies on the front nine, but Mickelson battled back with birdies on the 10th and 12th to cut the margin to one. He-and Toms failed to birdie the two par 5s on the back nine.

Tiger Woods and Davis Love III, United States, def. Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood, Europe, 1-up. Tied at the turn, Garcia and Westwood each drove the 10th green for a birdie, while Woods and Love layed up and made par. Woods chipped in to match Garcia's birdie on the 11th, and an 8-foot birdie on the 13th leveled the match. Woods holed another 8-footer to stay 1-down on No. 16, and he and Love won the last two holes when Garcia missed a 3-foot birdie on the 17th, and Westwood missed a 4-foot par on the 18th.

Scott Hoch and Jim Furyk, United States, halved with Darren Clarke and Paul McGinley, Europe. Hoch birdied three straight holes on the front nine as the Americans took a 1-up lead. The lead was 2-up when Clarke holed from just off the green on No. 14. McGinley halved the next with a birdie, then McGinley birdied from 4 feet on the 16th. Hoch made a 12-foot birdie on the 17th to regain the lead, but Hoch and Furyk both missed the 18th green, and Hoch's 8-foot par putt lipped out.

- The Associated Press

Ryder

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This week, like everyone at The Belfry, he's marveled at the competition. The most satisfying for him was Saturday afternoon's four-balls. Europe led three of the four matches early and threatened to saddle the U.S. with a second-day deficit for the third consecutive Ryder Cup.

But the American tandems of

Woods-Love and Duval-Mark Calcavecchia rallied to win their matches. Woods and Love prevailed over Garcia and Lee Westwood when Garcia missed short putts on the final two holes, including a 3-footer at 17. "I certainly feel like we should have a two-point lead," Westwood said.

Europe could have trailed 8-7, but Clarke and Paul McGinley

salvaged a half-point in the day's final match when Hoch and Furyk bogeyed the 18th hole. Their par misses came with the entire gallery of 30,000-plus, both teams, and former President Bush crowded around the green, straining for a view. "All I can tell you is I saw some of the most fantastic golf today," Strange said. "I applaud my team and I applaud them."



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Police want to see papers Dele's brother left behind with a lawyer

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — Police want to see documents left with a lawyer by Miles Dabord, the late brother of former NBA player Bison Dele and a key witness in Dele's disappearance.

Dabord, 35, died Friday night in Chula Vista, Calif., where he was hospitalized Sept. 14. He was found in a coma after returning from the islands of French Polynesia, where he sailed with Dele and two others who have been missing since early July.

The FBI has learned that Dabord left behind papers to be opened after his death, an official involved in the French investigation said. Authorities believe the documents contain an account of what happened to his brother, said the official, who asked that his name not be used.

Authorities in French

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Polynesia believe that Dele, his girlfriend, Serena Karlan, and their boat's skipper, Bertrand Saldo, were killed July 7 off a tiny, remote island in the South Pacific. Dele was a member of the Chicago Bulls' 1996-97 championship team.

Dabord was the only other person on board his brother's 55-foot catamaran, and officials in French Polynesia suspect he was involved.

Doctors at the California hospi-

tal had told Dabord's mother there was little hope for his survival — and on Thursday she asked that life-support systems keeping him alive be disconnected.

"Dabord died this evening," Monica Montano, a spokeswoman for Scripps Memorial Hospital in Chula Vista told The Associated Press. She declined to give the cause or exact time of death.

At the Tahiti port of Taravao, officials recently probed Dele's luxurious sailboat with a metal detector, looking for bullets. None was found, judge Taliercio said.

However, investigators have found traces of blood and signs there was a struggle aboard, the judge said. They believe a wrench might have been used as a weapon.

Hitter Raines announces his retirement

MIAMI (AP) — Tim Raines announced his retirement Saturday — and said this time it's for good.

Raines, 43, was one of the best leadoff hitters of his era. A seven-time All-Star, the outfielder spent the final season of his 23-year major league career with the Florida Marlins as a reserve.

"It's been a great ride," said Raines, sitting between his wife, two sons and agent during a press conference in the Miami Dolphins' locker room.

"A lot of players play a long time and don't really know when to quit. I actually feel good about it. I've reached the maximum, it's time to close the book on my career as a player," he said.

He played the first 12 seasons of his career with the Montreal Expos, where he participated in seven consecutive All-Star games.

Raines also played for the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, Oakland A's and Baltimore Orioles. He was a member of Yankees' World Series championship teams in 1996 and '98.

After being diagnosed with lupus, Raines retired from the majors before the 2000 season and tried out for the U.S. Olympic team. He returned for a final season with Montreal in 2001.

Raines' wife, Virginia, said she believes this retirement is permanent.

"For the last week or so I could tell there was a difference," she said. "I told him, 'There's something different about you. I don't know what it is.' We started talking, and by the way he was talking I knew he was ready to come home with us."

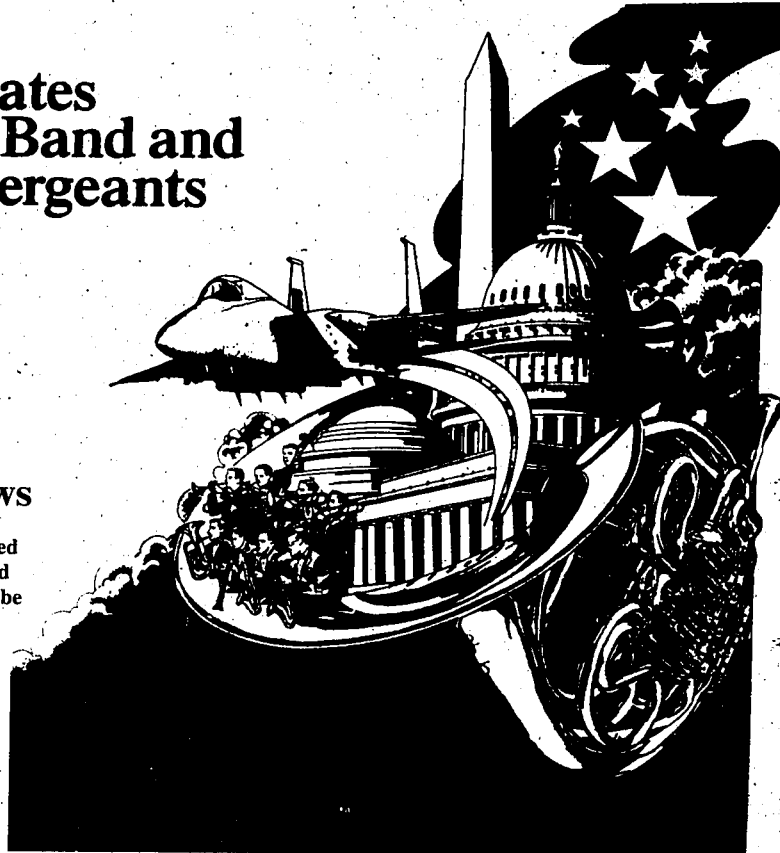
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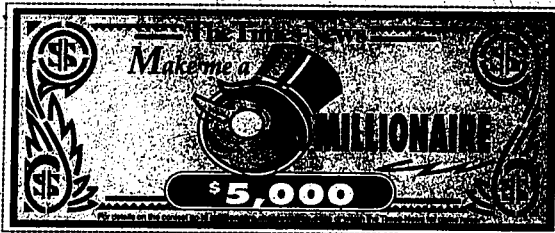
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BRINGING IN THE CROP

Farmers fare better than expected in '02

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Growing a crop around what Mother Nature provides is never an easy proposition, but this year seemed to be more difficult than normal.

But it wasn't as bad as some had feared before planting began. Ideal spring meltout conditions stretched last winter's below-normal snowpack farther than water managers had expected and gave them more water to work with.

Even so it wasn't a lot. The April through July runoff generated 2.1 million acre-feet of water, about two-thirds what would normally flow during that period. That's better than the same period in 2001, when 1.46 million acre-feet — just 46 percent of the 30-year average of 3.132 million acre-feet — came down the Snake River, said Mark Croghan from the Bureau of Reclamation office in Burley.

Still the runoff meant more water for stockholders in the North Side Canal Co. NSCC began the 2002 irrigation season delivering just three-eighths of a miner's inch of water, or 60 percent of normal.

Jackson Lake, which provides about one-third of the canal company's stored water, languished below a quarter full all winter, and NSCC officials were worried that they wouldn't have enough water for the 2002 season. But fluctuating hot and cold spring temperatures, along with good spring moisture in the basin above Jackson, raised the reservoir to about three-quarters full in mid-June. That allowed NSCC to increase water deliveries to a half-inch per share — 80 percent of normal and the same amount that was delivered last year.

South of the river, irrigation water supplies varied depending on the project. Twin Falls Canal Co. delivered five-eighths of a miner's inch of water, which is considered a full share, all season. The Salmon River Canal Co. delivered about a half-acre-foot per share this year, twice as much as what was available last year but only half of a full allocation. Irrigators on the Salmon tract also had water for about a month longer than in 2001.

While irrigation water supplies were better than expected, a week of hot weather in early July threatened to overwhelm irrigators.

Grain, a cool-season crop, doesn't like hot temperatures. Yields are off 15 percent, or roughly 15 bushels an acre, and the quality is down. But growers who have hard red spring wheat to sell are being rewarded by the market. The price of hard red spring wheat went up nearly a dollar from mid-July to late August, said Dean Stevenson, who farms north of Paul.

Cold, not heat, took a toll on Stevenson's sugar beet crop. Frosts in May forced him to replant nearly 85 percent of his sugar beets. He was replanting when he would normally be harvesting.

'We have fought and fought and fought weeds.'

—Dean Stevenson, who had to replant his sugar beet crop



Rob Grant III threshes his pinto beans at his farm south of Eden Sept. 10. Grant expects an above average bean harvest this season.

Tough growing conditions lift commodity price picture

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Less than ideal crop-growing weather is helping lift the overall price picture for many of the commodities grown in the Magic Valley.

While growing conditions here were tough in 2002, most of the price rally is tied to even worse weather in another region of the United States or even the world.

Wheat is a perfect example. Hot weather in early July "cooked" the wheat and barley crops, and yields will be down about 15 bushels per acre in southern Idaho (around 85 bushels per acre instead of 100 bushels per acre). But the yield hit has been much greater in drought-stricken areas like the traditional Wheat Belt of the United States as well as Canada and Australia. World wheat stocks are hovering at a low for this price cycle, and prices are being pushed upward.

The Portland price for hard red spring wheat (14 percent protein) was \$5.50 a bushel on Sept. 4, up 75 cents over a 10-day window.

"That's a pretty significant run up," said Paul Patterson, University of Idaho extension economist. "He expects growers have already seen the low wheat price for this calendar year. Based on supply and demand ratios, Patterson has been predicting grain prices would improve for the last 18 months, but even he is surprised by how quickly prices are moving.

Dave Dougherty, fieldman for Coors Brewing Co. in Buhl, checks a load of malt barley to see if it meets quality standards.



DAVE DOUGHERTY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

up as far as it would, that we would hit a flat or sideways trading period until November when the market would get a better handle on what's happening in the southern hemisphere and exports," he explained. "I've been taken back by how fast prices are moving up."

Barley also has upside potential. Patterson expects feed barley prices could be as much as 75 cents a hundredweight over last year's price, but that depends on what happens with the U.S. corn crop. In its August report, the U.S. Department of Agriculture bumped its price projection for corn by 50 cents. That translates into an approximately 30 percent increase in the average price of

corn over last year and should mean an equivalent rally for barley, Patterson said.

Malt barley quality suffered because of the hot weather, and growers have had loads rejected because of protein and screenings problems. However, the malt quality in eastern Idaho is still better than in many other parts of the United States and Canada, and Kelly Olson, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission, expects to see malt buyers in Idaho. About 30 percent of the malt barley grown in eastern Idaho is not contracted.

While the price outlook for grains is "excellent," Patterson merely sees "good" outlooks for other commodities.

In general, he believes the overall composite price for dry beans will be a bit below what growers received in 2001, but that average price will still be above the long-term average.

"The big driver is exports but if exports are better than expected we could see prices equivalent to last year's price or exceed it," Patterson said.

He expects to see bean prices average \$24 to \$26 a hundredweight this year.

Even though Nebraska and some of the other major bean growing states in the Midwest have suffered from drought conditions that have reduced yields, overall dry bean production is expected to be up 39 percent

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over last year to 27.7 million hundredweight. Idaho's production is expected to be 1.76 million hundredweight, up 24 percent over the 2001 production of 1.4 million hundredweight.

Patterson also sees a "good" price outlook for potato growers. He expects potato prices to be above the long-term price average, particularly for the fresh market, even though the 2002 price peaks will more than likely be below the 2001 peaks. Even so, that would put both fresh pack and processing potato prices above break-even prices for growers.

Using numbers gathered by the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, Patterson calculated an average price for processing potatoes of \$5 a hundredweight in 2001 and an average price of \$8 a hundredweight for fresh pack. Fresh pack prices peaked at \$12 a hundredweight in 2001. Patterson anticipates this year's price peak will be in the \$10 to \$11 range, or about 25 percent above last year's price.

Of all the commodities, Patterson is the least optimistic about the hay market, characterizing its outlook as "fair." Supply is up this year because most hay growers had sufficient irrigation water supplies and no acres were idled. Although the demand for dairy-quality hay remains strong, adequate supplies mean prices will probably be \$10 to \$20 a ton less this year than in 2001.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Homebuyers program holds Net sessions

TWIN FALLS — The Finally Home program for first-time homebuyers will begin holding some of its sessions via the Internet in addition to the classroom sessions at the College of Southern Idaho.

Penny Johnson, Finally Home program coordinator, said the online courses will include all the information contained in the classroom sessions that have been held around the Magic Valley for the past few years.

The curriculum includes how to choose a first home, applying for credit, down payments, choosing a Realtor, making an offer, title searches and more. Each session features local experts who advise students on various points of buying their first houses.

The online course will be available for registered participants to take Oct. 1-31. The program is sponsored by CSI and Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. Funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Those who complete the program might be eligible for closing-cost assistance, zero down payment and other benefits.

The course is free, but anyone wishing to take the online course must register with Johnson and establish CSI online privileges. Johnson can be reached at 732-5287, by cell phone at 539-3634 or by e-mail at pjjohnson@csi.edu.

Accounting group will broadcast course for CPAs

TWIN FALLS — The Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network will broadcast a course for certified public accountants from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the College of Southern Idaho.

"Estate, Retirement & Financial Planning: Principles and Techniques" will focus on estate planning techniques in light of changes made in the Tax Act of 2001.

Participants will learn about complex estate planning devices that require flexible planning devices, organizers said. The class will help accountants provide up-to-date estate planning assistance to a variety of clients, including business owners and other high-net-worth individuals.

Registration is \$160 for members and \$220 for nonmembers before Oct. 9. After that day, cost is \$185 for members and \$245 for nonmembers.

The ACPEN broadcast is sponsored by the Idaho Certified Public Accountants Society. For information, visit www.businessprofessionals.net/ACPEN1.htm online.

CSI offers workshop on budgeting with Excel

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering a workshop for anyone who wants to learn how easy it is to create a personal budget and maintain the family finances in the common computer program Microsoft Excel.

"Household Budgets on Excel," students will learn how to create colorful and easy-to-read charts and graphs that show exactly where the money is going to help the family to stay within its budget, organizers said. Many computer users already have Excel installed on their computers, so no new software is necessary.

Instructor Edt Benito directs the CSI Instructional Technology Center. The class will be held 9:30-9:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 in Area 144 on the CSI campus. Cost is \$40. For information or to register, call 732-5288.

YOUR BUSINESS

Association warns cattle industry must save themselves

Speaker: Cattlemen must save themselves

TWIN FALLS — R-CALF USA, the cattle industry's newest kid on the block, came to Twin Falls last week with a strong message for cow-calf and beef producers alike.

The industry must stay on board the world-trade-negotiation train or be left behind. Leo McDonnell, vice president of the Ranchers-Cattlemen's Action Legal Fund USA, Montana, gave warning about losing an already declining cattle market to a flood of imported products if the industry does not stay fully engaged in upcoming World Trade Organization negotiations.

McDonnell, unpretentious and straightforward in his manner, told a group of producers they "better have their homework done because this thing (WTO trade rules) is going to come fast."

"We have been told the global market is our future," he said. "But historically, trade agreements have not been favorable to the U.S. — and if we don't get involved in the other side of the table, we're out of luck."

The other side of McDonnell explained, are retailers, importers and foreign countries who stand to profit at the expense of U.S. producers.

Design producers' cost of production is a fraction of U.S. producers' expenses and foreign exporters consider the United States a lucrative market: Austria, New Zealand and South American countries are poised, ready to take advantage of free trade agreements, he said.

Lack of moisture puts damper on wheat plantings

TWIN FALLS — Moisture, not the markets, may decide how much winter wheat is planted this year.

Many market analysts expected that with wheat prices over \$4 a bushel this summer that growers would heed the market signal and plant more wheat. Others point to an increase in revenue insurance coverage of 40 to 50 cents over last year at this time as an indication that farmers are willing to risk more acres to wheat. At least, one analyst expects to see winter wheat plantings increase by 1 million acres this year.

But a lack of moisture in the nation's Wheat Belt may keep the lid on plantings. The third year of drought here in the Magic Valley, coupled with a late harvest, is keeping planters parked.

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mally be spraying for weed control, and he was forced to rely on hand labor to get the weeds under control instead.

"We have fought and fought and fought weeds," he said. Sugar root maggot, not Mormon crickets, were the peskiest insect problem.

Because of the early May frosts, sugar growers will not start digging early sugar beets until early October. That will reduce tonnage, but hopefully not sugar content.

"This will be one of the smaller beet crops," Stevenson said. Even warm-season crops, like beans, suffered during July's hot spell. Despite having adequate irrigation water supplies this year, Jim Patrick said growers couldn't keep enough water on the beans in early July. As a result, some of the earlier planted beans don't have as many pods as normal.

"We had a hard time keeping them wet," said Patrick, who farms south of Twin Falls. The cool spring weather stretched bean planting out over nearly a month, and Patrick is hoping his late planted beans



R-CALF's Leo McDonnell talks with Jerome area rancher Larry Carpenter following an R-CALF meeting held in Twin Falls last week.



Dry beans may escape drastic frost damage

TWIN FALLS — "Frost" is a dreaded word this time of year for many farmers. But while a frost hit Magic Valley bean growers last weekend, the damage may not be as bad as it could be.

The reason for the minimal damage is that the first frost does not cause as much damage to plants as subsequent frosts, explains Steve Salsburg, Twin Falls County extension educator. "Some beans got lightly burned on the upper leaves this time," Salsburg said, "but it didn't really get into the pods for the most part."

Idaho commission resolves one of two trademark cases

BOISE — While one Idaho Potato Commission certification trademark-related case has been settled another continues.

The Idaho Potato Commission and Hapco Farms, Inc. settled a four-year-old lawsuit between the two parties on Sept. 11.

A press release from IPC said the lawsuit involved IPC's efforts to recover legal fees incurred as a result of a challenge by Hapco, a New York state company, to the validity of two of the IPC's certification trademarks.

Andrew Pollak of Hapco and Benny Blick, IPC's chairman, said

the settlement agreement will allow both parties to move forward and work more closely together in the future.

The lawsuit is one of several trademark and certification-related cases IPC has been working on over the past few years, but Kole said that with the settlement of the Hapco case only one case remained open.

Litigation in the G&T Packaging, Inc. case — filed on the same day as the Hapco case — began with a complaint in U.S. District Court in February of 1998 and has continued with affidavits, motions, orders, summonses, hearings, stipulations and more.

Wheels start turning in American Crystal deal

OGDEN, Utah — While sugar beet factories in the Red River Valley are working toward ownership changes, those changes in no way reflect the possibility of changes for Amalgamated Sugar Co.

Ralph Burton, president and CEO of Amalgamated, said a Red River Valley three-way sugar beet factory agreement caught everybody by surprise.

On Wednesday American Crystal Sugar Co., Imperial Sugar Co. and Western Sugar Cooperative announced that they are currently in the due diligence phase of an agreement.

The transaction contemplates that American Crystal will purchase the Sidney, Mont., Torrington, Wyo., and Hereford, Texas, factories from Imperial. Western will simultaneously enter into a long-term lease arrangement with American Crystal to operate the Torrington factory. The entire transaction is expected to close in October.

MILESTONES

Halley printer adds digital service to facility

HAILEY — Express Printing introduced its newest digital service, Bella photographic studios, to its 25,000-square-foot facility. Bella Digital Photography studios, equipped with Nikon digital cameras, will speed up production work flow by eliminating the need to scan film. Digital photography gives clients more control over their projects, thereby achieving faster turnarounds and lower costs, said a press release from Express Printing. Digital photography is good for any project requiring image capture.

For more information on Bella Digital Photography studios, call Roger Raymond at 788-0022, visit the store at 810 S. Main, No. 12, in Hailey, or visit the Web site at www.exprt.com. Express Printing has provided custom printed products since 1980.

New owners take over T.F. sign shop franchise

TWIN FALLS — Signs Now has new owners — J.R. and Sandie Davis — at the 1110 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. store. The business provides comprehensive sign services.

"We were looking for an opportunity to work together in our own business," said Sandie Davis. "This fits our needs well as J.R. has a construction background, which helps with the product and installation questions. I have an interest in art and really enjoy designing our clients' projects as well as providing the customer service."

The couple participated in a training program at the Bradenton, Fla.-based Signs Now Corp.'s corporate headquarters.

For more information about the Signs Now franchise location in Twin Falls, call J.R. and Sandie Davis at 733-1143.

Magazine features T.F. car audio retailer

TWIN FALLS — Blaine Wolverton, owner of Power Plant Car Audio and Accessories, was featured in Mobile Electronics Magazine, a national trade magazine which targets car audio retailers. The featured article included in-depth background about the Twin Falls company's success since opening less than three years ago, Power Plant said.



Blaine Wolverton

CAREER MOVES

GOODING — Dr. Eric Filkkema recently joined North Valley Veterinary Clinic in Gooding. Filkkema received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Colorado State University in Fort Collins and completed his undergraduate training, majoring in animal science, at CSU as well. He was raised on a dairy farm in Manhattan, Mont. He and his wife, Tammi, live in Gooding.



Dr. Eric Filkkema

Filkkema joins doctors J. Rand Bergstrom, Marty Bennett and Mike Holland at the North Valley Veterinary Clinic. He can be reached at 934-8681 or by fax at 934-4877.

KETCHUM — Edward A. Lawson of law firm Lawson & Laski PLLC was appointed secretary and general counsel to First Bank of Idaho and its parent company, Sun Valley Bancorp.

Lawson is an attorney with more than 27 years of experience in business, banking, finance and civil litigation. He will provide legal representation to each of the companies.

First Bank of Idaho is a federally chartered savings bank providing a range of financial services to Wood River Valley residents. Lawson & Laski PLLC, founded by Lawson and Jim Laski, employs four attorneys, two paralegals and support staff. It provides legal services to business and real estate clients.

TWIN FALLS — Jack Spellerberg passed the four parts of the certified public accountant exam in May and received his CPA license July 1.

Spellerberg is a long-time resident of Magic Valley and has worked mostly in private accounting in bar, restaurant, motel, golf course, home construction, farm supply and livestock auction business. He has owned and operated a 40-acre farm near Jerome for more than 25 years.

In 1995, he enrolled in Boise State University accounting classes offered at the College of Southern Idaho to get the required education for the CPA examination. He qualified and became an enrolled agent, a license issued by the Internal Revenue Service for paid tax preparers, and opened an office at 317 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. on a part-time basis. He is now devoting full time to the business.

Spellerberg and his wife, Becky, live in Jerome and have one child living at home.

TWIN FALLS — Two employees of the Twin Falls office of Idaho Legal Aid Services Inc. were recruited at a statewide conference held in McColl Sept. 16-20.

Attorney Laura Zettel-O'Connell received her five-year achievement award.

Office Manager Tina Young received the Keystone Award for Excellence presented by the managing attorney of the Twin Falls office. The Keystone recognizes those whose skills and dedication provide a solid foundation to the effective delivery of legal services, a press release said.



Laura Zettel-O'Connell and Tina Young

Idaho Legal Aid Services is a nonprofit law firm with seven offices throughout the state. The office is at 475 Folk St. in Twin Falls. The firm is dedicated to free, quality legal advocacy for low-income people. For more information, visit Idaho Legal Aid's Web site at www.idaholegalaid.org/index.htm or call 734-7024, Ext. 10.

TWIN FALLS — Jonathan Barth, formerly of Twin Falls and Buhl, recently was awarded the Charles Schwab Technology Services 2002 Innovation Award. Barth has been employed at Schwab since 1999 and is now a principal engineer for Phoebe Data Center Implementation.

He and his wife, Karla, live in Mesa, Ariz., and their children live in

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AIDING ADULT LEARNING



US Bank provided a \$5,000 grant to the Adult Basic Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho to support the center's volunteer tutor program and to identify and work with students who have learning disabilities. Pictured is volunteer Tina Cherry of Jerome, left, helping Bertina Hernandez of Twin Falls in a CSI computer lab for her English as a Second Language course. US Bank funds the publication of essays and other writings of students in the GEO and ESL programs as well as an annual recognition luncheon to honor the work of volunteers. To contact CSI's Adult Basic Education Program, call 732-8534.

A GIFT FOR KIDS



Jay Whitney of Carquest of Twin Falls hands a donation of \$500 to Gees Anderson, program director, and Don Hall, executive director, of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. The money was donated during Carquest's anniversary celebration.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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POTATO POWER

New technology improves efficiency of local cellars

By Lorraine Cramer
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Research being conducted by the University of Idaho is enabling new technology to be developed that could save farmers big bucks on potato cellar electric bills.

Nathan Oberg, a graduate research assistant at Kimberly Research and Extension Center is evaluating the impact of using a frequency drive to control the speed of fans in potato cellars. He is studying the relationship of how fast the fan turns to energy savings.

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"Speed has an influence on how much electricity is used," Oberg said.

If the fan speed is reduced by 50 percent, there is 50 percent less air flow.

"But you only use about 15 percent of the electricity required to move that fan," he said. "You save about 85 percent on your electric bill. You tap into energy savings."

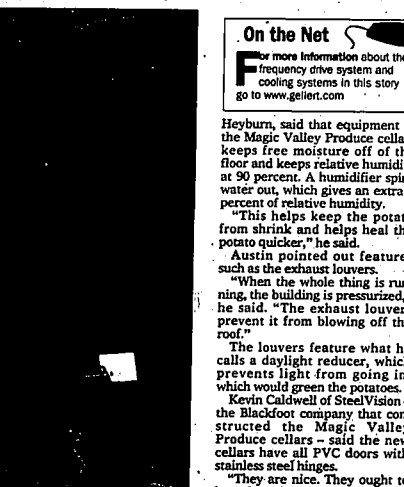
Frequency drives have been used in a variety of operations in the past, but have been too expensive to put into potato cellars. As technology has progressed, frequency drives have now become readily available, Oberg said.

University of Idaho researchers have been working on the research project for two years. "We've shown there can be a dramatic reduction in their power bill," he said.

The research has been funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Potato Commission. A research contract from Cascade Energy Engineering in Walla Walla, Wash., has also provided some funding.

AgriStar Co. Inc. in Twin Falls has provided Oberg with technology to conduct research in grower storages.

Mick Austin shows some of the fans that are part of an elaborate ventilation system in the new Magic Valley Produce cellars.



On the Net

For more information about the frequency drive system and cooling systems in this story go to www.gellett.com

Heyburn, said that equipment in the Magic Valley Produce cellars keeps free moisture off of the floor and keeps relative humidity at 90 percent. A humidifier sprays water out, which gives an extra 5 percent of relative humidity.

"This helps keep the potato from shrink and helps heal the potato quicker," he said.

Austin pointed out features such as the exhaust louvers. "When the whole thing is running, the building is pressurized," he said. "The exhaust louvers prevent it from blowing off the roof."

The louvers feature what he calls a daylight reducer, which prevents light from going in, which would green the potatoes.

Kevin Caldwell of SteelVision — the Blackfoot company that constructed the Magic Valley Produce cellars — said the new cellars have all PVC doors with stainless steel hinges.

"They are nice. They ought to last a long time," he said. The bulkhead doors are designed to swing both ways so potatoes can be piled on them, he said.

Four inches of sprayed-on urethane insulation is another feature of the cellar.

"You can't beat this foam. The cold can't penetrate it. That is a thing we promote," Caldwell said. "We think it goes right along with all dirt storages."

The dirt picks up a lot of the natural ground temperature for heat in the winter and cooling in the summer, he said.

Cellars are getting away from lumber construction, Caldwell said.

"Now they are mostly all concrete and galvanized steel," he said.

Mick Austin points out features in one of the new Magic Valley Produce cellars near Paul. Austin is the service technician for Industrial Ventilation Inc. of Heyburn, the company that installed the ventilation system.

The two new Blinco Farms potato cellars north of Paul are one of the first grower storages where the technology will be put to use.

Mac Evans, owner of Agri-Star, said part of the system in the Blinco cellars is called a ClimaCell, which is a humidification system like a big swamp cooler.

The system features a control panel where the frequency drives can be controlled, Evans said.

Temperature sensors in the potato pile allow operators to know what adjustments to the control panel need to be made.

Frequency drives allow operators to run fans at a slow speed as needed, he said.

"One of the big advantages is a better temperature differential," Evans said.

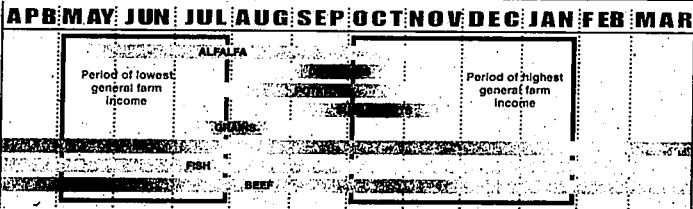
More new equipment

While the cellars will be working this fall to keep Blinco potatoes at the best temperature possible, another company has installed some of the latest equipment in new Magic Valley Produce cellars west of Paul.

Mick Austin, service technician for Industrial Ventilation Inc. of

Cash crops

Typical harvest periods for major Magic Valley farm products



Graphic by DAVID BURGESS/The Times-News

Harvest, payment don't always go together

Farmers' payday can land any time of year; milk pays regularly

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — People who have not grown up on a farm or had farming neighbors might be surprised by the complexity of a farmer's cash flow.

And while merchants in agriculturally based communities depend in large part on how well local farmers do, they cannot expect all farmers to be flush with cash at the end of harvest, even in years when commodity prices are high and farming operations are profitable.

That is because the date a crop is harvested in many cases has little to do with the date the grower gets a check for it.

Paul Patterson, extension agricultural economist for the University of Idaho, said there are many sources of income for farmers and many variables.

First of all, the dates of the harvest itself vary with the weather from year to year, and the physical differences within Idaho also result in a spread of harvest dates between regions.

The natural variables of climate, elevation and soil type mean that harvest can be in full

swing in one area while in another it has not begun. Harvest of a single crop can vary

three weeks to a month in Idaho, generally starting earlier in the west and proceeding to higher elevations eastward, Patterson said.

Payment is even more variable. Many growers produce several crops and can realize income on a different timetable for each.

Crop checks "don't seem to have a certain date they come in," Patterson said. A farmer's cash flow is altered by support programs and loans. The inflow of government payments can even look like the reverse of what one might guess.

"Some actually are eligible to be paid before even planting," Patterson said.

And a farmer's own business decisions certainly affect cash flow. For instance, it is common to store a harvested crop — such as beans, potatoes or wheat — if prices are low, and then to wait for better prices.

Another reason farmers shift their paydays forward is to manage their tax liability. Some put off sales, moving income to the future, Patterson said.

One generalization can be drawn: There is a bigger inflow of money to farmers from October through January.

"Those are the peak months,"

he said. This is a period in which a lot of government payments come in and are delivered and paid for.

Also generally speaking, the time just prior to harvest for farmers as a whole — May, June and July — is the low point for cash flow.

Year-round income

Dairy farmers typically get paid every two weeks on daily milk shipments.

"Dairy is probably one of the better cash-flow commodities because they are selling milk every day," said Wilson Gray, a U of I dairy economist.

Dairy men do experience some seasonal variation in income: as cows tend to produce less in summer and winter because of the weather.

In the beef cattle business, income can be year-round. There are sales every week. Feedlots around here sell every month, or whenever the cattle reach market, weight, Gray said.

Cevin Jones of Intermountain Beef in Eden said summers are slow. Income is typically higher in October and November, but the peak selling period for small feedlots is April to June, Jones said.

Aquaculture is also a year-round business. Gary Fornshell, U

of I agriculture extension educator in Twin Falls, said the vast majority of growers are constantly hatching fish for continuous production. One time of year when there is heavier demand is around Lent, he said. Demand can dip around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Food processing

Another point of interest for merchants in southern Idaho communities is that the payrolls of local food processors do not suddenly skyrocket at harvest time.

"Processing hiring goes on year-round," said Magic Valley Job Service manager Pam Petersen, "with the only real exception being Amalgamated Sugar, which does hire a bit more for its fall campaign associated with the harvest of beets."

In potato processing, there are a few seasonal layoffs of about a week each for scheduled plant maintenance or for inventory reasons, Petersen said.

There is, however, increased hiring of truck drivers and in-field help in September and October during harvest, she said.

That extra hiring in fall, and the fact that toward the end of the year a farmer wanting to reduce his taxable income can make business purchases in fall, may account for a seasonal boost in sales for merchants.

Implement maker diversifies products

Company builds business around the world

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Diversification and exports are keys to the success of Pickett Equipment in Burley.

The farm implement manufacturer's main product line is still the bean cutter first developed by Paul Pickett, but new products and markets are also important.

"I think without some of these markets, without expanding into different segments, we wouldn't have been able to survive, if we relied solely on our original product," said Neil Harper, treasurer and assistant manager.

Reliance on a single product line would subject the company to ups and downs of the bean market.

"If bean prices are way off then people plant less," Harper said. Then farmers "are not willing to buy new equipment. They just do what they know."

So, Pickett has been working on diversifying into other markets such as hay and sugar beets.

"We are always looking into other products. One that we are working on right now is a hay merger," he said. It picks up two rows and combines them.

Over the years, Pickett has developed products with in-house engineering and has contracted for engineering.

"Not all the product development ideas come internally, though. Input from farmers has contributed to improvements in design. In other cases, someone walks in with an idea for an implement."

"We have had people come through who have had products," Harper said. "We look at them pretty closely at the market. A lot of them just don't pan out. Out of 10 products we look at, maybe one will work out."

The company's mainstay, the One Step Cutter Windrower for beans, also began as an idea of how to do things better. Paul Pickett, who died two years ago, first employed rods instead of knives to cut bean plants. The One Step also merges bean cutting and windrowing, allowing two operations to be done in one pass.

"It was a pretty new concept in the '90s," Harper said.

The One Step retails for between \$22,000 and \$34,000 depending on the size and various options.

Another Pickett product is something that started out as a beet thinner and now is also an in-row cultivator for other crops such as corn, cotton and vegetables in organic fields, where a lot of weeds can come up but herbicides may not be used. The in-row cultivator eliminates weeds and loosens soil not just between rows, but between plants in the same row. It retails for between \$8,500 and \$20,000.

A combine the company imports from Brazil has been a larger player lately, Harper said. "The combine picks up bean windrows and separates out the beans. Pickett imports about 40 a year and is trying to expand the market by getting them into peanut operations. The combine retails for \$53,000."

Most of the company's domestic sales are to the northern sections of the country and southern

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Fast facts

River Valley Manufacturing Inc. does business as Pickett Equipment based in Burley. The company manufactures and imports agricultural machinery. It sells products throughout about 65 dealers across the United States. Pickett specializes in niche markets, primarily targeted toward bean harvesting and other crop cultivation equipment.

■ Pickett Equipment:
• Is based at 976 E. Main, Burley, 83708-0555.
• Operates out of 45,000 square feet on 14 acres.
• Began in 1988.
• Is owned by Charlene Pickett, Steve Pickett, Dee Lon Jones and Neil Harper.
• Employs between 25 and 45 people, depending on orders.

■ Financial snapshot
Pickett Equipment
as of July 2002

Total assets \$4,327,120
Total liabilities \$2,305,723

Annual sales
1999 \$5,755,452
2000 \$5,963,481
2001 \$4,028,871

Payroll ranges from \$850,000 a year to \$2 million.
Net profit cost the company about \$2.3 million a year.
Other overhead runs about \$1.26 million a year.

Canada, North Dakota is a major market right now. Others states include Utah, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, New York and Ontario, Canada.

Sales have been hurt by recent crop failures in Michigan. Farmers in that state usually account for 30 percent of total sales. That dropped to 2 percent in 2001, Harper said.

Although 2001 resulted in fewer sales than prior years, 2002 is experiencing more sales volume and there are indications of a more positive outlook for 2003," he said.

Ten to 20 percent of sales come from foreign countries including Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Australia, Hungary, Chile and Argentina.

In 2000, Pickett received the governor's Export Marketing Award for its efforts overseas. The awards are given annually for marketing programs of Idaho products or services.

Developing new markets keeps Pickett busy, and each sale outside Idaho brings cash into the state, as well. Some of that cash flows directly into other local businesses supplying Pickett, including Christian Machine, Kelly's Bearing Supply, Motion Industries and Norco Welding.

"The Magic Valley is a great place to be located. It offers many valuable resources, and being along a major interstate helps in shipping," Harper said.

"We strive to build a quality product. With the materials and labor market here, we are able to accomplish this at a lower cost."

"In my opinion, the Magic Valley will continue to provide the necessary resources to continue to survive during these unsettling economic times," he said.

"We have good people here that will make it work."

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MONEY

Idaho dairy farms spur business development

Production supports old firms, attracts newcomers

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A string of business activity in Magic Valley is tied to the sale of locally produced milk. Numerous businesses have grown or have come into the region as milk production has skyrocketed over the past decade or so.

One of the bigger names in the dairy industry is Land O'Lakes. Tony Brand, sales and marketing manager for bulk feeds, said that for three to four years the cow population increased 10 percent every year and 7-8 percent over the past couple years.

"Our business on volume has matched or exceeded that growth," he said. "There's a definite correlation between the two."

Land O'Lakes is planning further expansion because of this growth.

"It's healthy for our community as well as the industry," he said.

Land from Magic Valley farms in 2001 was worth \$710 million, according to the Idaho Dairywomen's Association. A portion of that \$710 million is paid directly to suppliers, service companies and farmers.

These dairy-support businesses employ a lot of local residents. In fact, the region's low unemployment rate is largely attributable to the dairy industry. Greg Rogers, regional labor consultant with Idaho Department of Labor, Rogers figures dairies support between 5,000 and 10,000 jobs in Magic Valley alone, when including the jobs created in businesses selling products and services to the dairies.

"It's a huge impact," he said. "Here are 15 examples of those businesses:

1. Feed supplies

"Our business increased between 25 and 30 percent since we bought it (five years ago). Dairies are fundamental to what we are doing," said Dave Hamby, owner of Northwest Trading Co.

The feed commodities company owns Northwest Feed Manufacturing in Twin Falls and brings in about \$1 million per month worth of business from Magic Valley dairies, he said.

2. Milk testing

Rexanne Peterson, of Rupert, provides Dairy Herd Improvement Association testing for butterfat, protein and somatic cell count in Mini-Cassia. The herd recording service allows dairymen to know if the cow is profitable or not.

Eighteen years ago she started with two employees and tested 8,000 cows. Now her company has nine employees and tests 20,000 cows, she said.

3. Specialty products

Many entrepreneurs find their niche with dairies. "One such businessman attracted to dairy growth in Idaho is Dennis Hakes, owner of E-Z Clean Tact Scrubber. He moved to Heyburn from Texas recently and set up shop with his brand new, recently patented product, which combines air and iodine to create iodine foam as the machine sanitizes and cleans each teat.

Hakes sold two units to Whitesides Dairy a few months ago and word of mouth has created quite a bit of interest from other dairies, particularly from the Jerome area, he said.

4. Towel service

Chris Bethke of Wendell started Mr. Clean towel service about two years ago because he thought that type of thing would go over well with dairies that normally use paper towels to clean teats. The business has kept him

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Income from milk
 From 1991 to 2000 cash receipts from marketing of milk and cream has increased from approximately \$219 million to \$764 million.
 From 1991 to 2000 the number of milk cows in Idaho has increased from 178,000 to 347,000.
 From 1991 to 2000 milk production has increased from 2.9 billion pounds to 7.2 billion lbs.
 Price of milk shows a decrease from 1991 to 2000:
 Average return per 100 lbs. of milk has decreased from \$11.10 to \$10.60.
 Average return per pound of milk fat has decreased from \$3.04 to \$2.94.
 Cheese production in Idaho, all types has increased from 390 million lbs. to 585 million lbs. between 1995 and 2000.
 Source: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

busy 100 hours a week, he said. "It's seven days a week with no time off," he said. Evidently several other folks had the same idea Bethke did. "There's a lot of competition," he said.

5. Uniform service

Doug Young, district manager, said American Linen, located in Twin Falls, provides uniforms and other products for Glambia Foods Inc., WestFarm Foods and Meadow Gold Dairy Products as well as mats and other products for Jerome Cheese Co.

"Cheese processors are a big part of our business," he said. "We appreciate their business and can't thank them enough."

6. Hoof trimming

With well over 200,000 dairy cows in Magic Valley now, there are a lot of hooves to care for. Brent Crump, who is located in Paul, travels throughout the Valley and has made a living trimming hooves for the past 30 years for dairies.

"I now have fewer customers but more cows — and they are better, too," he said. Instead of 30 dairies that he started out with, he now works for about 15. As dairies have become more efficient, the animals have become cleaner and healthier, he said.

7. Water systems

About 10 to 15 percent of business for Brockway Engineering PLLC, which is located in Twin Falls, comes from dairies. Brockway assists dairies in installing water systems.

"Our involvement has gone down," said Charles E. Brockway, senior member. "The big thing that dictates is price of milk. If the price went up to 16 1/2 cents (per pound), or \$16.50 per hundredweight, again you'd see some more activity."

8. Trucking

Double C Trucking, owned by Sid and Dennis Cole, based in Rupert, is one of several haulers that contract with Kraft Foods to haul milk.

With three semis and a tender, the company employs four people including one partner. In addition to running the family-owned business Sid Cole has worked full time for Kraft for 22 years. He would not say exactly how much milk the company hauled.

"We haul more milk in a day than you can drink," he said.

9. Breeding services

Lonnie Luper, who provides artificial insemination services for American Breeders Service, started breeding cows in 1975.

"When I first started there were four inseminators in the valley," he said. "Now there are probably about 150."

10. Milking parlor supplies, equipment

Five years ago Oren DeVries, one of the owners of M&K Dairy Equipment Inc., would have said that M&K was growing because of Idaho dairies. The Wendell business had quadrupled in size, but then opportunities declined, and DeVries has taken M&K services and products to Texas, California, Wyoming and other western states.

"The last two to three years we've grown outside the state because of all the moratoriums," he said. "It hasn't happened here."

11. Custom farming

Dairies have provided local farmers with a growing market for feed crops, sometimes providing income to farmers when prices are low on other commonly grown crops.

"We've had to expand to keep up with bigger jobs," said Donald Dean MacRae, custom dairy feed farmer. "It has probably almost doubled."

Over the past three years MacRae has added about one-third more help. He now employs an average of 15 full-time workers plus a lot of extra summer time help, he said.

12. Veterinary service

Based on growth of dairies, Shoshone Veterinary Hospital LTD hired a third veterinarian in July of this year.

"He's usually out there at the dairies all day," said Glenda Hobbs, speaking of Ofer Inbar, the owner of Shoshone Veterinary Hospital. "Dairies are the mainstay of the clinic," she said. "That is the largest proportion of our business."

13. Steam and hydraulics

"We attribute some of our growth to the dairy industry," said Tom McGinnis, owner of Steam Store, which includes selling steam cleaning equipment and hydraulics to dairy barns and others that service dairies. "Our business has experienced a steady growth over the past four years."

14. Nutritionist services

There are more cows and more nutritionists these days offering their expertise in designing cow rations.

Steve Lemrick, nutritionist with Rangen Inc., advises and consults dairymen about what to feed their cows.

"There are not that many more dairies these days, but the dairies are bigger. "I'm doing more cows than I did four to six years ago," he said. "It's more competitive than it was then."

15. Construction

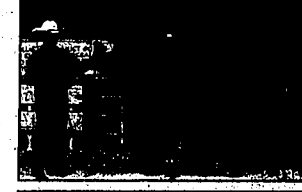
Gary Cooper, one of the owners of Cooper Construction, said the business is definitely tied to the dairy industry.

"That's all we do," he said. "We do well when the dairymen are doing well."

But right now the construction company is not doing quite as well because the price of milk is down. Cooper said the same problem is reflected in every business in the valley from car sales to department stores.

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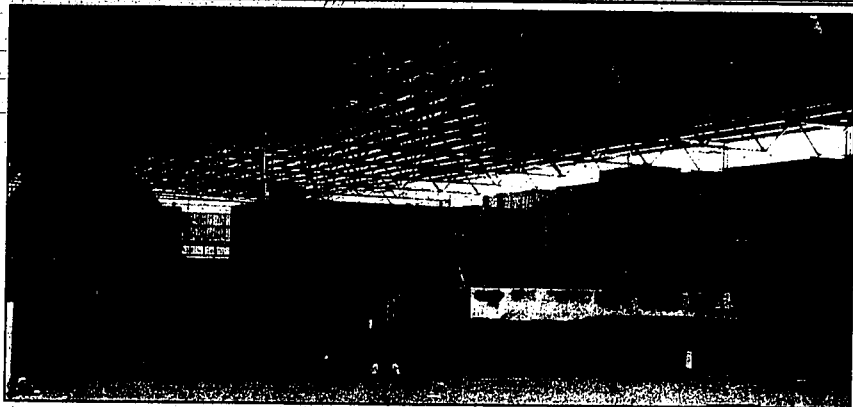
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Mike Standlee, Western Alfalfa Farms president, center, is eager to start up the cubing and baling equipment in Western's new forage facility in Eden.

East of Eden

New forage facility brings rail indoors

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

EDEN - Western Alfalfa Farms Inc. has built a huge new forage facility for storing, processing and shipping animal feeds in a move to expand the business and gain efficiency with new automation.

The new, 108,000-square-foot building sits on 110 acres between Eden and Hazelton.

It is a "really good location ... because of the access," said Mike Standlee, Western Alfalfa president.

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The Eden forage facility is situated between freeway interchanges to the east and west. Eastern Idaho Railroad runs north of the site, and State Highway 25 runs just south of the site.

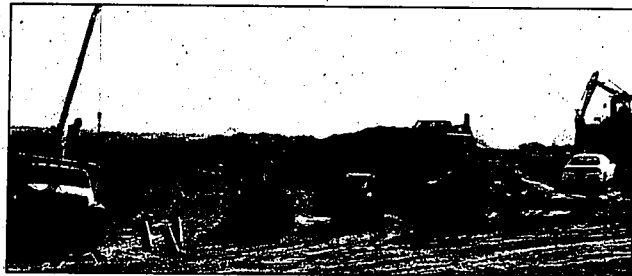
A striking design feature is the new railroad side track running right through the building. Western paid Eastern Idaho Railroad to install the track. Work on the rails and the scales inside the building was still in progress in late August.

Western had been shipping by rail and pressing hay for 10 years at a facility in Hazelton, but not like this.

Western ships 42,000-45,000 tons of hay a year back East, a lot of it headed for horse farms and race tracks. Local hay sales are on top of that, but Standlee did not have that figure available.

Standlee said Western is growing and he would like to boost the business 20 to 30 percent. Some of that growth will come, he hopes, in doubling Western's cottonseed business. The company has been shipping in 30,000-40,000 tons a year of cottonseed for dairy feed. Standlee would like to see that increase to 80,000 tons a year. The new facility will make that possible.

Standlee said that while Western grows a lot of its own



Above, Eastern Idaho Railroad lays new rails heading into the eastern side of Western's building.



Left, Freedom Electric installed wiring and these electrical panels covering an entire wall inside the control room of Western's forage facility.

hay, this expansion will also put Western in the market to buy more locally grown hay.

Western has three sheds totaling about 37,000 square feet of storage space at its home base along the frontage road on the north side of Interstate 84 near Eden. In Hazelton the company has 60,000 square feet.

The hay pressing that was being done there has been shifted west to the new building in Eden. The old Hazelton site will be used only for storage after the new facility is up and running.

A new hay cuber has also been installed in the Eden facility.

"I had that cuber bought and no place to put it," Standlee said. The new building, which had a

permit valuation of \$928,800, had been in the planning stages for three years, Standlee said.

Standlee is looking forward to capitalizing on the impressive operational advantages of the

new facility. "I had a guy that builds the cubers tell me that he's been all over the world setting plants up, and he said this is the nicest one he's ever seen," he said.

Get more money from your employer

Job satisfaction and career advancement are important, but ultimately, many workers just want more money. Then, like these two, they're faced with how to get it.

Q: Is there a way to tell my employer that I simply can't live off the salary I'm making? I'm afraid of doing this because of how bad the market is, but I've essentially gotten a promotion without added pay, which I think is totally unfair.

A: On the job has yet to meet a worker who doesn't think he ought to be paid more. But Deborah Keary, who regularly answers employers' questions about workplace issues for the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, thinks this worker is approaching the issue the wrong way.

"Don't go in and say you can't live on what you make," she said. "That's a personal and emotional approach to it. And the person may need to rearrange his lifestyle to live on his salary."

Rather, she said, in seeking more pay, "you've got to be more scientific" and ask yourself a series of questions.

"Is he in a position to know the financial situation of the company? Can they afford to pay him more? If so, then that's an issue. If they have a formal pay system, then you can check it and see where you stand. You can ask, 'When can I get to the next level, at least to the midpoint range?'"

Finally, Keary suggested that he check with professional groups to determine "just what the market pays for the work he does," which will help him decide whether he is underpaid.

Q: I'm being offered a new position and we're in the process of negotiating a salary. I want at least \$10,000 over what I make



ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bredemeier

now. Is that unheard of to ask for in today's market? Or if they won't give me as much as I want, can I negotiate for other things, like telecommuting a couple times a week or for more vacation? Or if they still don't budge, can I just stay at my current job and use it as a counteroffer to make my current company pay me more?

A: Keary said this worker also ought to determine what the fair market is for the new job and then ask herself if it's realistic to ask for a \$10,000 increase.

Keary said the worker can ask for the perks regardless of whether she decides to ask for the pay boost. That's a normal tactic when negotiating terms of a new job.

"But you have to be realistic about this job and this market," both as to pay and other benefits, Keary said.

As for trying to use a job offer to get a pay raise at an existing job, Keary had a warning.

"That's an old trick," she said. "I would always assume that if you mention you've got another job, you're willing to take it. What a chance you're taking if you don't."

Keary said the worker has to be ready to take the new job "because the answer might surprise her" — that her current employer wishes her well in her new position.

Kenneth Bredemeier writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post

Firm lists signs that your boss may be ready to fire

The Associated Press

Is the boss thinking of letting you go? It's a question that occurs to many workers these days as companies look for ways to streamline in a weak economy. Meridian Resources, a business coaching firm in South Carolina, has compiled a list of warning signs that might indicate an employee's job is in jeopardy.

• Your boss, even your colleagues, are making less eye contact with you.

• Your co-workers are more aware of what's going on in your areas of responsibility than you are.

• When an important company meeting is held, you're not asked to attend.

• Some of your responsibilities at work have since been taken away and given to others because of "restructuring" or

Around the watercooler

"reorganization."

Finally, while you were once actively encouraged to join office-related associations and attend conferences, you're not anymore.

Shorter severance

Employees' severance pay has shrunk over the past few years as the economy has weakened. Through the second quarter of this year, severance amounted to only about 10 weeks' worth of salary, according to the Job Market Index, a quarterly survey of 3,000 discharged managers and executives.

That's a plunge of more than 50 percent from the average 21.8 weeks in 1999, the survey, conducted by Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., reported.

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Toughing it out at Top of the World

Family lives year-round at isolated store

ALONG THE BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY, Wyo. (AP) — The heavyset motorcycle rider leaned his black leather bulk over the counter.

"Where do you winter?" he asked store owner Bart Milam, 35.

"Here," Milam responded. "Here?" the motorcyclist asked, raising his furry eyebrows.

"Why don't they ever believe me when I say that?" Milam said loudly.

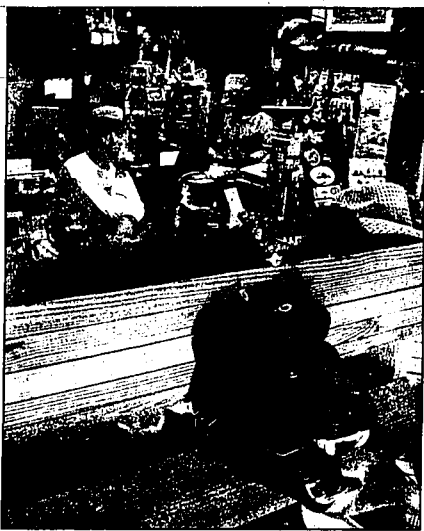
Yes, Bart and Kristi Milam and their four children winter and summer at the Top of the World, a small Wyoming general store, motel and campground sitting at 9,400 feet above sea level, just across the border from Montana.

Kristi, in addition to homeschooling the children, takes care of the motel and does the book work. Bart tends the store with the help of two summer employees and visiting relatives. He also tends to the generator that runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He pumps gas and keeps the family's small fleet of snowmobiles running and the woodstove stoked in the winter.

The store is nestled in pine trees about halfway between the Montana towns of Cooke City and Red Lodge along U.S. Highway 212 — the Beartooth Highway that loops south into Wyoming.

The northeast access road to Yellowstone National Park is a 68-mile stretch of sinuous, sometimes gut-wrenching pavement that at times seems more hospitable to mountain goats than automobiles. The road is plowed open at the beginning of the summer, and remains open to autos until closed by snow in the fall. At this altitude, that's early.

Because of the striking terrain, travelers often comment on the remoteness of Top of the World. There are no phone or power lines. The mail comes once a week and the Milams' mailbox is 14 miles down the road.



Bart Milam, left, gave up wheat farming and living on the eastern Montana plains to run the Top of the World Store in Wyoming. The small general store, motel and campground sits at about 9,400 feet above sea level.

But some 250,000 people travel the Beartooth Highway during the summer, so it never seems isolated to the Milams.

However, phone lines don't run up here, so they have to rely on a cellular phone. Even then, they often have to drive a few miles down the road to get a signal.

They use their satellite Internet service to place orders or to e-mail friends who are coming to visit.

The Milams bought the store two years ago from Phil and Carol Napoli, who ran it each summer for 23 years.

The log store dates back to 1934. It was built by Dominic Marino on nearby Beartooth Lake, just two years before the narrow, winding Beartooth Highway was completed. In

1964, the store was moved to its present location on a tundra clearing above the lake. Red-streaked Beartooth Butte looms to the west as a backdrop.

The store's location is one reason it's so popular, Phil Napoli, 62, said from his current home in Powell, Wyo.

"The American public can't travel 68 miles without stopping someplace," he said. "It's lasted because the owners have had some kind of other income or enjoy the lifestyle."

"Like most tourist businesses, it's just marginally profitable."

The store, a four-unit motel, shop and 10 campground sites all sit on Shoshone National Forest land.

The 1,000 square-foot store is stuffed to the gills with unusual gifts, snacks, toys, guide books,

fishing gear, liquor and T-shirts. "Clothing or novelties are the most popular items," Bart Milam said. But he also sells lots of Wyoming fishing licenses to Montanans and hundreds of off-beat shot glasses.

Karen King, of Randolph, N.J., is pretty representative of the kind of customer the store attracts. She stopped at the store for a cold drink and a snack but ended up buying a silver bracelet.

"It was nice to come here out in the middle of nowhere and get a cold drink and a little souvenir," she said.

Dispensing information to tourists such as King and regular clients who have returned each year for decades is just part of doing business at Top of the World.

"It was a little bit like running a neighborhood bar," Napoli said. "You're like the cleaning house for the whole area. All information goes through you."

That includes resale information when there's a snowmobile accident or a bear sighting in the area. The Milams have a two-way radio that they can use to call the sheriff's office in Cody, Wyo., — over 70 miles away.

Before moving to the mountains, the Milams were wheat farmers. They also still own a limousine service in Billings, Mont.

The family had camped and snowmobiled in the Beartooth Mountains for years and liked the area. When they decided to move off the farm, they began looking for a business in nearby Cooke City, but settled instead on the Top of the World, partly because it came with a home.

This winter, the couple plans to open the store in January on weekends to see if there's any business from snowmobilers.

Napoli wishes the couple good luck weathering the winters.

"We had some interesting experiences learning how to live in that environment," he said. "When the snow gets up over the roof it can be a little scary."

"It's a pretty tough environment," he said. "But with modern conveniences, it's not as tough as it used to be."

Kristi Milam, 34, laughs at a customer's suggestion that the couple may get bored during the long winter months.

"We have four kids," she said.

Investors seek comfort in religious investing

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Disillusioned by the accounting scandals that helped decimate stock prices, a growing number of investors are seeking comfort in mutual funds that match their religious values and offer respectable returns.

Religious-oriented funds screen out, or avoid investing in, companies whose products or services conflict with core values of religious faith. The number of religious-oriented funds has more than doubled in the last three years, from 16 in 1999 to 38 this year, according to information provider Thomson Wealth Management.

The funds' total assets jumped 21 percent to \$4.42 billion, compared to 11 percent growth for the average fund, while returns have averaged a 0.5 percent annual loss since 1999. That's better than the average mutual fund loss of 5.9 percent.

Examples include the Ave Maria Catholic Values Fund, as well as the Mennonite MMA Praxis funds and the Dow Jones Islamic Index Fund.

"The troubling times of the last year have had the effect of forcing many Americans to confront the way in which they lead their lives," said Rusty Leonard, founder and CEO of Stewardship Partners Investment Counsel. "This soul searching has resulted in a new generation of religious investors."

Still, religious investing remains a tiny movement, representing less than 1 percent of the \$4.82 trillion in total assets for all mutual funds. Analysts say that's because religious-oriented funds have several disadvantages — from unpredictable returns to sometimes uneven application of their investment criteria.

"You can't put in a screen for fraud, so I think investors shouldn't get a false sense of security that they're somehow safer," said Emily Hall, senior fund analyst for Morningstar.

She noted that religious-oriented funds can't offer any more protection from corporate abuses

at companies such as Exxon Corp. and Tyco International than other funds can. "Most are still equity funds, and they're still going to be fairly risky," Hall said.

Indeed, returns have varied. While religious funds did better over a three-year span, they lagged for the one-year period ending Aug. 31 — a 13.42 percent loss compared to a 10.13 percent loss for the average mutual fund.

Over five years, religious funds had an average 5.7 percent gain, compared to a 9.2 percent increase for the average fund.

Here's how they work: Religious funds are part of the broader category known as socially responsible funds, which screen their investments to meet core religious or social principles. The investment criteria can be found on fund Web sites and prospectuses.

For example, Catholic-oriented funds typically avoid health care and drug stocks for their connection to abortion and birth control, while Islamic-oriented funds might shun the financial sector because of the religion's prohibition against usury.

But the investment guidelines are not absolute. A fund opposed to military spending might avoid top defense-related stocks, but invest in a company that sells computers to the Pentagon. Or it might divest drug manufacturers, but not retailers who sell the companies' products.

Religious funds also tend to have higher expense ratios because of higher research costs, and their respectable returns in recent years often have nothing to do with their intended principles of being morally pure.

Some funds, for instance, have enjoyed good returns because they screened out companies offering same-sex employee benefits — which were often found at Internet companies that went bankrupt for the unrelated reason of a softening economy.

"In the aggregate, you're not necessarily going to get a worse fund; however, you're not necessarily going to get a better fund either," Hall said.

Few taxpayers will benefit from expanded brackets

Knight Ridder News Service

Most federal income tax brackets will expand a bit next year thanks to a requirement that they be adjusted for inflation annually, CCH Inc., a Chicago-area legal information company, has projected. Even so, the average taxpayer will see little relief as a result.

"This is intended to help people cope with the ravage of inflation," said financial planner Michael

Arnoff. "Well, 'ravage' and 'inflation' don't go into the same sentence any more."

According to projections made by CCH, a married couple filing jointly with an income of \$100,000 will save \$90 because of the new rates, while a single filer with \$50,000 in income would save \$54. CCH makes the projections each fall and has usually been correct. The Internal Revenue Service releases official num-

bers in December.

According to CCH, for a married couple filing jointly, the 27 percent tax bracket will cover income between \$47,450 and \$114,650 next year, up from \$46,700 to \$112,850 this year. The standard deduction also will increase next year, CCH says. For a married couple filing jointly, it will go from \$7,850 to \$7,950. The personal exemption will rise \$50 to \$3,050, CCH said.

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'Unretired': Older workers tend to love their jobs

By Barbara Hollingsworth
Knight Ridder News Service

Already seated with his morning glass of iced tea, Dwayne Marsden can't resist teasing one of his favorite waitresses.

"I'd sure like to get waited on," he teases.

Golfepot in hand, Marge Enfield pretends to glare.

"There's a bar across the street," she says.

With her 80th birthday only a few weeks away, Enfield still thrives as a waitress twice a week at Pegah's Family Restaurant in Shawnee.

"Sometimes she runs us under the table," waitress Linda Pettie says.

She has more energy than a day off from the could-be retiree who refuse to stop working.

And there is a growing number of people like Enfield.

More than 4.2 million people ages 65 and older were working in 2000, up from 3.5 million in 1990.

The number will grow to 5.4 million in 2010, according to U.S. Department of Labor projections.

The percentage of Americans 65 and older who continue to work is at its highest point since the late 1970s. Last year 13.1 percent of those retirement-age workers still were on the job.

The number of retirement-age workers has jumped more than 80 percent in the past 20 years, from 1.35 million in 1980 to 790,000 in 2000, the Labor Department says.

Strapped budgets force some retirement-age workers into jobs.

Jerry R. Roller Sr. of Lee's Summit gave up retirement after five years.

"When I found the bills just didn't add up, sometimes you have to think about working," said Roller, 68, who puts in 37 hours a week at a Wal-Mart store.

But most continue working because they want to, said Sara Rix, a senior policy adviser with AARP in Washington.

"Into their 80s and 90s, you have people who are really motivated, who really love what they do, who really want to work," Rix said.

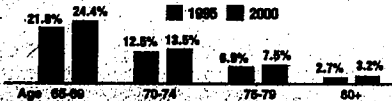
About 97 percent of workers ages 75 to 79 said they really enjoy going to work, compared with 85 percent of workers 65 to 74, according to a survey by the Institute for Social Research, at the University of Michigan.

Saying acting, whether playing or actually, can be beneficial, Rix said.

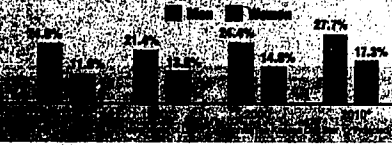
Enfield said she worked mostly for the social interaction. She is

Older workers

Percentage of older Americans who worked, by age group:



Percentage of Americans ages 65-74 who worked:



not one to join clubs or hang out at a senior center.

"It just keeps me in contact with people, and I spend the money -- my grandkids do," she said.

By 2010, with baby boomers nearing retirement, the number of Americans older than 65 is projected to increase nearly 30 percent from 2000, according to the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. More of those seniors, an estimated 14.8 percent, will work in 2010.

At the same time, workers older than 55 will increase to 26.6 million, a 46 percent increase from 2000.

Women such as Enfield will continue to play a larger role in the work force. In 2010, it is projected, women will account for 46 percent of the labor force older than 55, compared with 39 percent in 1980 and 23 percent in 1950.

"Already more people are reporting plans to work longer. In a 1999 AARP study, eight in 10 baby boomers said they planned to work at least part time during retirement."

While retiring has obvious perks, working can be a source of enjoyment and a social life, said David Ekerdt, a senior scientist in the University of Kansas.

"What's not to like about retirement?" Ekerdt said. "If you can manage to get an income and not work, that's very attractive to most people, but there are a lot of people who derive a lot of satisfaction from work."

Older workers also have a good reputation among employers,

said Cindy McAsey, Kansas state project director in Abilene for Experience Works. Among the group's work, it helps older people find jobs.

"When they get a job and they're older, that's their main focus," she said. "They live for that job and they put everything in it."

Americans also are working longer simply because they are living longer. Life expectancy has risen to 77, and the age at which Americans can receive full Social Security retirement benefits is increasing up. It will reach 67 in 2022.

Some older people are continuing to work -- or returning to the labor force after an early retirement -- because stock market losses have eroded their retirement savings, Rix said.

McAsey said she saw many seniors whose budgets were being strained by prescription costs.

A lack of planning will force many people to stay on the job past 65, said Dave Ackerman, a retirement practice leader in Kansas City for Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

"If you're in your 20s and 30s, you have time left," he said. "The problem is you have people in their 40s and 50s who haven't done a very good job at all of saving for retirement. When the time comes to hang it up, the resources aren't going to be there."

One study sponsored by the Economic Policy Institute found that workers did a poorer job of planning for retirement in the 1990s despite the stock market

growth and higher incomes. The study, released this year, concluded that nearly 20 percent of workers ages 47 to 64 did not have enough to stay above the poverty line.

Enfield does not plan too far in advance, but she reckons that one day she will wake up and decide she is tired of working. She has been a waitress for most of the past 60 years -- part of the

time while also working at Hallmark Cards Inc.

Earlier she had considered quitting when she had surgery for colon cancer. But she has found that little can slow her down.

Carrol Bean, a regular at Pegah's, said she was thrilled when Enfield returned to work. After all, Bean has followed the waitress from restaurant to restaurant for about 30 years.

"There would have been a hole there," Bean said. "She has a friendliness and energy that would have been missed."

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Workplace humor walks a tightrope

By T. Shawn Taylor
Chicago Tribune

Did you hear the one about '25 Reasons Why Beer is Better Than Women'? Well, you won't hear it here: The punch line has already cost Chevron Corp. \$2.2 million.

And once a disgruntled employee files a lawsuit, "they'll remember every inappropriate joke (ever) told," said Malcolm Kushner, who teaches harassment classes to attorneys in Santa Cruz, Calif. "Even if they laughed at it (at the time), it looks horrible to a jury."

Large court settlements have alerted employers' walking on eggshells. Some are monitoring e-mail and have even fired workers for passing inappropriate jokes.

Others have adopted humor policies, though it is unclear how often they are enforced.

"Jurors like that. It shows you thought about it," Kushner said.

But just thinking about it won't tell you what will be funny and what will be offensive. "White laughter is universal, humor is not," said Jon E. Johnson, a clinical psychologist and president and CEO of WorkRelationships Inc., a company in California that helps companies manage the risks posed by inappropriate workplace behavior.

"The biggest mistake is assuming that humor is subjective," he said. "It's not your own, it's the audience's."

Johnson told the story of a woman who had worked for a company in which "white" humor was rampant. One day she was told a joke about a woman's breasts.

"I said, 'That's a very inappropriate joke,'" she said. "The woman said, 'That's a very inappropriate joke,'" she said. "The woman said, 'That's a very inappropriate joke,'" she said.

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This person is talking about my daughter, Johnson said.

She said the woman made her displeasure known to the client later outside the group. But more often than not, people keep quiet and nurse a grudge.

"People rarely tell you that you've hurt them," said Steve Wilson, a psychologist and self-proclaimed "jokeologist" and author of several books on humor, well-being and relaxation.

Because mistakes can carry a high price, co-workers are tiptoeing around each other more than ever before. And Alex Hiam of Alex Hiam & Associates, a consulting firm in San Francisco, says the only thing worse than bad humor in the workplace is no humor at all.

"If you go into an organization where nobody laughs or makes a joke in a good-natured way, you know you have a very sick organization that you need to fix," Hiam said.

Research has shown that people who are happy at work are more loyal and team-oriented and less risk-averse. Recognizing the benefits of laughter, some companies have even brought in consultants and humorists to conduct workshops for their employees to help them lighten up, or, in bad comedy, for special events.

The "Best Humor at Work" doesn't come from e-mailed jokes, but springs from real-life situations. It's work-related, like an off-color comment about a competitor, an interesting pun during a meeting or a little Seinfeld-esque "yada, yada, yada."

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Humor requires a great deal of judgment. People should keep that in mind as they go from job to job. Playful insults traded among workers in one office could be fighting words somewhere else.

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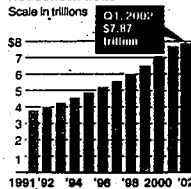
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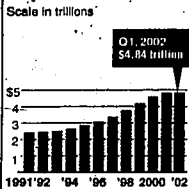
Some experts are concerned that mounting debt will mean that consumers, who have helped boost the sagging economy, will have less to spend, and that corporations will be unable to expand.

Household debt



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Corporate debt



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Ballooning debt affects economy

By Andrew Countryman
Chicago Tribune

First, there was the tech stock bubble. Then came fears about a real estate bubble, although the jury is still out on that one.

Now, economists and stock market experts are floating the idea of a debt bubble, in which swelled levels of household and corporate borrowing force an already squishy economy into a longer-lasting, and more punishing, downturn.

burgeoning household debt is a familiar story, closely watched by economists because they fear it will dampen consumer spending, which has been a vital bulwark against a deeper recession.

But as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and others point to revived business investment as a key to a sustained recovery, those growing corporate debt levels are receiving increased scrutiny. More money devoted to servicing debt means that much less for investment, and more debt overall means more skittish lenders.

"I've been saying there was a debt bubble for about two years," said Jane D'Arista, director of programs at the Fed-watchers' financial Markets Center think tank outside Washington. She said the Fed has made the situation worse by fixating on inflation as debt swelled to unprecedented heights.

"The Fed has paid no attention to credit," she said. "This is as bad as having inflation, in terms of what it's doing to the economy."

There's no disputing that, in sheer dollar terms, debt has ballooned. Household debt, including mortgages, has more than doubled since 1991, reaching nearly \$7.9 trillion at the end of the first quarter, according to the most recent Fed data. Corporate debt has more than doubled almost as fast, topping \$4.8 trillion. Add the debt from other businesses and nearly \$10 trillion in debt from the financial sector, and the total exceeds \$24 trillion.

That, of course, is more than twice the annual gross domestic product of roughly \$10.3 trillion, and dwarfs the ever-popular federal debt, which checked in at a paltry \$3.4 trillion at the end of the first quarter.

But debt is a double-edged sword. Companies, for example, have a tax incentive to fund expansion with debt - investments that, of course, can pay for themselves many times over and promote economic growth.

The issue, then, is not necessarily the absolute size of the debt, but how much it strains the borrower.

And by many of those measures, the situation is much less ominous, although hardly ideal. To assess overall debt levels, the Fed, for example, tracks the debt of nonfinancial companies as a percentage of their net worth. Although it has ticked up slightly since the mid-1990s, it has plateaued at roughly 75 percent, over the last four quarters, and is well below the levels of the early '90s, when it topped 90 percent.

A measure used by many economists to assess how well companies can handle their debt burdens - interest cost to cash flow ratio - shows a similar pattern.

"Debt levels today are somewhat elevated, but not out of the range that has been experienced" over the years, said Richard DeKaser, chief economist at Cleveland-based National City Corp. "I don't think we're in that bad of shape."

That, DeKaser said, helps explain why total business bank-

ruptcies - even with the high-profile corporate failures of recent months - have fallen sharply in recent years, even as debt levels grew. The number of personal bankruptcies has soared, setting a record in the 12 months ended in June, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, but business filings have fallen by more than 25 percent from the 12 months ended in June 1997.

Not coincidentally, household debt payments as a share of disposable income has crept ever higher in recent months, and at the end of last year approached its highest level in two decades.

DeKaser, who has extensively studied factors associated with corporate bankruptcy, said the debt service ratio "far and away" the most important factor, more so than leverage, liquidity and other measures of corporate health.

But D'Arista is concerned about what the future holds.

"The problem is, how are you going to repay that debt? It has to be rolled over, refunded or repaid," she said.

She said there's no guarantee that companies can maintain their cash flow. Huge debt loads restrict money for new investment, which retards growth in jobs and income. Facing heavy debt loads themselves, consumers are less likely to increase their own spending, which further crimps corporate revenue and profit growth.

"It is a self-fulfilling cycle," she said.

Paradoxically, growing concern about corporate debt comes at the same time many economists are encouraging Greenspan and the Fed to cut interest rates even further to encourage more borrowing.

The economic slowdown has done little to curb companies' debt accumulation - overall levels actually shrank during and after the last recession, the Fed data show, but have continued to swell this time around. The \$4.8 trillion corporate debt outstanding at the end of the first quarter is up 4 percent from the year-earlier quarter, and up 12 percent from the 2000 first quarter.

In recent years, companies have increasingly turned to the bond market rather than bankers for loans. As the Fed cut rates, new corporate debt issuance jumped last year, according to the Fitch rating service, topping \$1 trillion.

But defaults also have soared - reaching 10 percent on speculative-grade debt, according to Standard & Poor's - up from less than 2 percent for much of the just-ended recession, economic expansion. Although Fitch reported in August that the pace slowed in July, the rising defaults mean the Fed rate cuts haven't been fully passed on to borrowers, with spreads between government interest rates and bond yields rising sharply.

It's clear that growth in corporate debt has been spread unevenly. Despite all the incentives and rock-bottom rates for the best clients, some companies are finding it all but impossible to borrow, and some CEOs have no interest in boosting spending in such a dicey economic climate.

"Loan demand continues to be very weak, simply because money is relatively cheap and relatively available, but only to certain borrowers," said economist Donald Strassheim of the California-based Strassheim Global Advisors consulting group. "There's a major borrowing segment that is shut out of the markets right now."

A guide to help investors analyze a company's debt

By Andrew Countryman
Chicago Tribune

So how much debt is too much?

For investors trying to size up a specific company, it doesn't take an MBA, but it takes some digging and some arithmetic.

The raw material is in Securities and Exchange Commission filings (www.sec.gov, look for EDGAR filings). Hunt for balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements in 10-Qs and 10-Ks.

Debt, of course, is only one consideration when making investment decisions, but analysts crunch a variety of num-

bers to assess whether a company can handle its burden.

Among them:

- Total debt to total assets: Levels vary widely, so it needs to be compared with others in the same industry, but lower is better.

- Total debt to EBITDA: Banks often look at earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; loan deals frequently mandate that companies meet EBITDA standards. You want this figure to be below industry averages.

- Times interest earned: A common measure of a firm's ability to service its debt, this is earnings divided by total inter-

est cost. Earnings typically are represented by EBITDA or EBIT, which excludes the depreciation and amortization. In this case, higher is better.

- Interest cost to cash flow: Often used by economists to assess overall corporate debt levels; aim lower. Nationally, it was running around 17 at the end of the first quarter, midway between recent extremes of more than 25 in the early 1990s and a little above 10 in the mid-1990s.

- Debt as percent of net worth: Another benchmark; the Federal Reserve includes national figures in its massive quarterly Flow of Funds report. By the

more conservative historical cost basis (as opposed to market values, which can reflect inflated asset values), the figure has been running at roughly 75 percent for the past several quarters. You can use the stockholders' equity line on the balance sheet for net worth. A lower number is better here.

- Current ratio: This measures the company's ability to meet short-term funding needs - divide current assets by current liabilities. Higher is better, but analysts look for it to be at least 1. That only goes so far, though: In its last 10-9 before filing for bankruptcy, WorldCom's was exactly 1.

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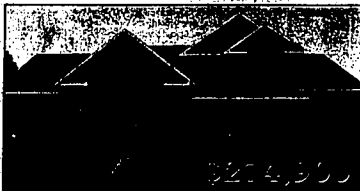


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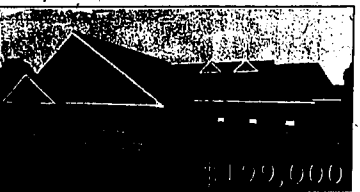
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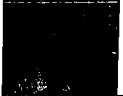



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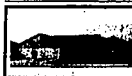
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LPN
FT - Night Shift, 6pm - 6am. Will be responsible for daily patient care and oversight of nursing staff. Current LPN license and interest in working with a geriatric population required. \$500 hire-on-bonus.

RN Supervisor
20-22 hour night shifts, 6pm-6am and oversees other weekend. Will be responsible for daily patient care and supervision of nursing staff. Current RN license and interest in working with a geriatric population required. \$500 hire-on-bonus.

DIETARY AIDE
FT - day shifts
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PLANT MANAGER
Ag products company. Knowledge of processing, packaging, QC, GMP, P & L responsibilities. 4 yr. degree preferred. Send resume to:
Personnel Director
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Twin Falls, ID 83303
733-7300

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PLUMBING
Service Tech. Full time. Clearing sewer lines and septic tanks. Class B CDL. ...

PUBLIC RELATIONS
TF County Health Coalition is seeking an American Promote Fellow to support youth in our community. Duties will include public presentations of health mission and activities and coordination and support for youth volunteer programs. ...

PRODUCTION MANAGER
5 years minimum exp. required, printing & publishing experience a plus will include inventory management and production control. ...

RESTAURANT
Kitchen manager w/exp. in food service, catering, banquets & buffets a must. ...

ROUTE - SALES
Ameri/Price Services is accepting applications for Route Sales.

STOP looking for the best Part Time job to make holiday earnings. Meet the following qualifications:
- Able to work a variety of shifts available
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Multiple small advertisements for real estate, services, and local businesses, including listings for homes, apartments, and professional services.

Large advertisement for The Times-News, featuring a cartoon character and text about accepting applications for walking routes in Twin Falls. It lists various positions and contact information.

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Women Seeking Men

VOLUNTEER SWF, 59, NS, mother, brown hair, eyes, gentle, even temper, friendly. Seeking man 35-45, NS to enjoy life with. #924320

A TRUE LADY SF 31, 5'2", blonde, luscious hair, confident, fun-loving, outgoing, looking for a guy who is into sports and has a good sense of humor. #924324

A GOOD SPORT Outgoing, fun-loving, single white female, 37, 5'7", blonde, brown hair, compatible man, 30-40, for relationship, outdoors, swimming, dancing. #924325

READY FOR A COMMITMENT Outgoing SWF, 29, 5'2", short brown hair, blonde, smoker, seeks fun, friendly man, healthy man, 35-45, NS. #924326

GIVE ME A CALL Loving, fun-loving, single white female, 37, 5'7", blonde, brown hair, outgoing, looking for a guy who is into sports and has a good sense of humor. #924327

ANIMAL LOVER Capricorn, 22, 5'11", blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924328

GREAT OUTDOORS Filly, rodeo, 37, 5'7", average build, hazel eyes, outgoing, fun-loving, looking for a guy who is into sports and has a good sense of humor. #924329

LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT GUY SWF, 22, mother of 4, NS, enjoys swimming, camping, fishing, boating, etc. Seeking SM, 22-35, NS, who knows how to take a lady right, love kids, for casual friendship. #924330

GIVE ME A CALL SWF, 27, mother, Lao, enjoys barbeque, outdoors, music, kids. Seeking SM, 30-35, with similar interests. #924331

LOVE OF NATURE SWF, 30, occasional smoker, outgoing, fun-loving, enjoys fishing, camping, outdoors. Seeking SM, with similar interests, for companionship. #924332

COUNTRY GIRL AT HEART Attractive, outgoing SWF, 28, blonde/hazel, NS, childhood, enjoys fishing, camping, boating, the outdoors, rodeo, fairs, country music. Seeking country-type SM, 25-32, NS, for dating/LTR. #924333

SEEKING A GOOD MAN SWF, 38, professional writer, photographer, outgoing, family, and music, dancing, camping, fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. Are you a good, honest, kind man between the ages of 30 and 55? #924334

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT SWF, 28, loves outdoors, female, blonde, blonde, looking for SM, with similar interests. For friendship/relationship. #924335

A NEW START Attractive DM, 29, 5'5", brown hair, one toddler, loves spending time with my daughter, meeting new people. Seeking understanding, caring SM, 21-25, for fun times together. #924336

ARE YOU THAT SOMBODDY? Friend, outgoing SWF, 42, no dependents, teacher, enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, sports, new things, nights out, etc. home. Seeking SM, 35-50, for friendship. #924337

LOOKING FOR FUN SWF, 18, 5'4", like camping, animals, fun, music, movies, driving. Seeking SM, 18-34, who knows how to have fun, and possibly more. #924338

YOU NEVER KNOW Mature SWF, 18, enjoys the Power Play. Seeking tall, honest SM, 35-45, for possible relationship. Don't let anyone tell me that my brother is Molo Jo Jo. #924339

LOST MY BLISS SWF, 40, fun, hard-working, honest, seeks SM, 35-50, who is into sports, movies, and being around friends and family. I live living in the Magic Valley because of its beauty. #924340

COME JOIN ME Beautiful, educated, outgoing WC, 42, 5'7", green eyes, like fishing, rodeo, movies, SM, 28-35, who knows how to have fun. #924341

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH SM, 18, 5'4", blonde hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924342

WHOLE COWBOY SWF, 28, cowboy, enjoys the outdoors, riding, fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. Seeking SM, 35-45, NS, who is into sports, movies, and being around friends and family. I live living in the Magic Valley because of its beauty. #924343

Men Seeking Women

EARTH ANGEL Easygoing, hard-working SWF, 44, beautiful, non-smoker, likes to read, travel, hiking, movies, live in the country. Seeking down-to-earth, honest gentleman with similar interests, possibly more. #924344

DON'T FORGET THE SUN Adventurous, romantic, spiritual SWF, 40, fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys anything outdoors, movies, dinner. #924345

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN Easygoing, humorous SWF, 45, active, outgoing, enjoys hiking, snowboarding, fishing, Seeking charming male, 45-50, non-smoker, for summer dates. #924346

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL ONE Attractive SWF, 49, 5'7", blonde/brown, NS, seeks special, honest SM, 45-50, who is fun, humorous, doesn't play games, for one-on-one relationship. Enjoy camping, outdoor activities, and one-on-one. #924347

UP FOR SOME FUN? SF, 40, 5'7", blonde hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924348

COULD IT BE YOU? SF, 35, blonde/hazel, mother of 1, enjoys fishing, bowling and good conversation. Seeking SM, with similar interests, then call. #924349

SPEND YOUR LIFE With someone nice SWF, 35, single mom, freckles, enjoys family/friends, fun-loving, outgoing, likes to travel, beach, amusement parks, quiet nights. Seeking non-smoking SM, 30-45, with values, enjoys life. #924350

MUST LIKE KIDS Female, 28, single mom, independent, 10-17, very independent, who enjoys kids and outdoor activities. #924351

SHARE INTERESTS Adventurous SWF, 27, Taurean, non-smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, fishing, hunting, movies, etc. #924352

Creative, Intelligent SWF, 49, 5'9", brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924353

ADVENTURE OF LIFE Attractive DM, 39, 5'11", blonde/brown, Lao, smoker, kids at home, enjoys outdoor activities. Seeking tall, professional country gentleman, who is a smoker, who loves to laugh, for casual dating. #924354

LOVELY IN ELKO SWF, 40, 5'7", blonde hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924355

SINGLE IN SOUTHERN IDAHO 20-year-old, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924356

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY Young-atting SWF, 63, 5'7", blonde hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924357

MOVING ON UP I'm looking for a beautiful woman with a wonderful heart (because I have a wonderful heart). Mr. Brown eyes, short hair, clean-shaven, #924358

THINK OF ME You're never going to be a 32-year-old SWF (5'9", 200 lbs, light brown hair)!! Enjoy life! Looking for a comfortable, fun-loving SM, who spends time with his Good Conversations? Must Traveling? #924359

LOVE FOR LIFE Potato burner, 33, loves meeting new people, hoping to find a great, caring, loving woman who is honest about her feelings, and is light-hearted about life. #924360

RANCHER SWF, 62, was travel, outdoor activities, romance. SM, 35-50, who is attractive, fun, outgoing woman for LTR. #924361

ENJOY THE OUTSTARS? Like fishing, camping, hiking, rodeo, driving, boating, swimming, bowing, fishing, gardening, travel. Seeking a SWF, 30-50, who shares all these things. #924362

ENJOY THE OUTSTARS? WM, 44, 5'11", brown/hazel, husky build, interested in the arts, music, rodeo, nature. Seeking SM, attractive WF, 30-40, #924363

LOOKING FOR YOU SWF, 40, 5'7", blonde hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair, blonde, brown hair. #924364

CHALLENGE Laid-back, outgoing SWF, 26, love a life of nature, movies, hiking. Seeking attractive WF, 21-36, for romance. #924365

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1382 Ashley Dr. • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath w/ office, 1477 sq. ft.

Go west on N. College Road until Wendell St., go North, then take 1st left...drive west, then take 2nd left.

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331 Shadtree • Twin Falls

4 bed, 2 bath, 1888 sq. ft.

Washington St. N. to Federation Way. Left on Federation to Canyon Trails Subdivision, left on Canyon Trail Way then left on Shadtree.

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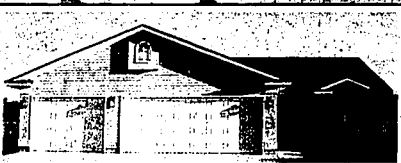


2607 Longbow Drive • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, sitting area adjoining master bedroom, 1588 sq. ft.

East on Addison Ave., past K-Mart turn North (left) on Carriage Lane N., go straight to Longbow Drive.

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2441 Ironwood • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, 3 car garage, 1556 sq. ft.

At the Twin Cinema go East 1/4 mile on Kimberly Rd., to Aspenwood Dr. Turn North to Ironwood Ave., 1st house on northside of street.

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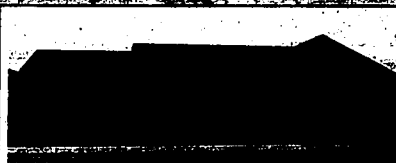


1965 Tamarack Loop • Twin Falls

4 bed, 3 bath, 3 car garage, family room, study, dining room, 2793 sq. ft.

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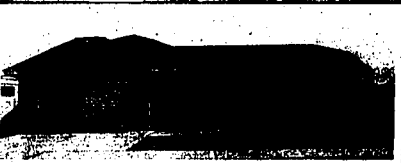


2562 Carriage Way • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, nice bedroom & bath suite. Nice kitchen, brick accents, separated bedrooms, 1660 sq. ft.

From Kmart go east on Addison Avenue to Carriage Lane, turn left (North) to Carriage Way, 4th lot on the left.

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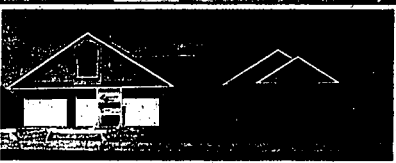


1308 Park Meadows Dr. • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, large family room, unique kitchen, 1521 sq. ft.

From North Washington turn west onto North College Rd., go to Park Meadows Drive, turn right, home is first one on the right.

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1973 Galena Dr. • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, bonus room, swing room, great room, 2400 sq. ft.

Take Madrona St., North, then East on Galena Dr. to the end of the street.

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2092 Canyon Trails Way • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, bonus room, nook, 1926 sq. ft.

Take Washington St. N. to the canyon rim then straight west, 1/2 mile to Canyon Trails Way.

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733-0459



1179 Brundage Circle • Twin Falls

3 bed, 2 bath, bonus room, 2 pantries, 3 car garage, 1909 sq. ft.

From Blue Lakes Blvd. go East on Falls Ave., then North on Madrona St., turn right on Pomerelle driving East. First left on Brundage.

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285 Dollar Drive Way • Jerome

3 bed, 2 full bath, formal dining room, 1st fl. walk-in shower, bonus room, 3 car garage, 2200 sq. ft.

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Unless the strange man doesn't drink tea

In Topeka, Kan., a robber walked into a Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so the robber tied up the clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours, at which time the police showed up.

In Los Angeles, a robbery suspect just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man to repeat the words, "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," that man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

A friend just e-mailed me two pages full of such true-life happenings. I didn't have any truth believing any of them. I am regularly amazed at the amount of stuff in life that just plain doesn't make sense.

Like why are there so many shopping carts with wheels that don't roll? And why are "walk" signs programmed to change to "don't walk" when you are exactly in the middle of the street?

And why are they still putting coupons into the middle of sacks of flour?
Once I saw a tow truck with lettering that said "24-hour towing available." Which 15 minutes would you take off if that's all you could have?

My wife buys into most of the old wives' tales I've heard, because they don't make good sense either. Even though I was raised by a southern mom who would swear on her cornbread and collard greens that Ann Miller swallowed that sewing needle and died of a ruptured liver the only year she didn't eat her good-luck black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.

I have an old clipping that lists some common ailments and reveals which ones are actually based in any kind of fact at all.

For instance, garlic really can ward off illness, because studies have shown that an ounce of garlic a day protects against hardening of the arteries. Just remember not to breathe on anybody. But don't let anyone tell you, "If you touch a road, you will wake up with warts." You won't, but you won't wake up with a prince if you kiss a toad, either.

Some old wives' tales seem to be stuck in something of a gray area. As in, "Red sky at night, fair weather come morning." Red means red, but it is a good indicator of nice weather the next day, but it's not an infallible sign.

Especially in Idaho, I guess.
The truth is, predicting the future is never easy, no matter how hard you try. For those who think they might have the knack, the 2003 edition of "The Old Farmer's Almanac" contains a folklore story telling you how to read your tea leaves.

According to those who brewed up the guidelines, if your tea leaves settle near the brim of the cup, "something" will happen in the near future - and tea leaves that settle near the bottom of the cup foretell sad events.

"To find out who will be involved in all this, you have to check out more exact placements of the tea leaves, with those farthest from the handle suggesting news about strangers and those to the right of the handle telling tales about people or events coming into your tale."

Here's a sample reading: "If the tea leaves are opposite the handle, near the rim, and slightly to the right of the handle, and you see the shape of a man with a pointed beard, in six months that a strange man will come into your life and take you on a trip to an exotic island, which will be cause for celebration."
This may sound as strange as anything, but the author does offer a few tips. "If you are unsure, sense that you're trying to predict the weather."

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Stop arguing with kids

There are better ways to get cooperation

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

JEROME - There's no substitute, says Amy Peterson, for getting your bluff in early.

"I don't have too many arguments with my kids," says Peterson, the mother of three. "And the reason, I think, is that we set limits early. I give them options - You can feed the cat now or you can feed the cat in five minutes - but they are options I can live with."

And that's the secret to low-stress child-rearing, says Ruthann Saphier of Sun Valley, a former teacher and author of "Parenting Tips for the Strung Out Mom and Dad." Set the ground rules for disputes with your children.

"Arguing with your kids is a waste of time," Saphier said. "The angrier a parent gets, the less effective a parent is."

Much better, Saphier says, to pick your battles and the turf on which they're fought.

"It starts with articulating your expectations as a parent and empowering kids to make choices," she said.

"Some things matter a lot and some things aren't so important," said Ruth Bartels, a mother of three teen-age daughters who teaches parenting classes at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center here. "In my case, the kind of makeup my girls choose to wear isn't such a big thing; if they wanted a tattoo, that's a different story."

Children are skilled at leveraging parental vulnerabilities, Saphier points out.

"If you walk in the door at the end of a hard day, the last thing in the world you want is an argument with your kids," she said. "Kids understand that, and some parents give in to just keep peace in the family."

"Try to micromanage a child's behavior - nagging - frequently leads to arguments and is more often than not futile, Saphier and Bartels agree. Focus instead on goals.

"It takes a certain amount of work to run a household, and parents need to articulate that to their children," Saphier said.

"This is what's required, and this part of it is your responsibility."

Offering choice is important, Peterson believes.

"I give my oldest daughter, who's 17, options whenever I can," she said. "Do you want to wear this today, or do you want to wear something else? But the debate has to stop when it's time to get in the car and go to school."

Peterson's daughter likes to watch TV before school, but that doesn't happen unless a list of chores - which Peterson has posted on the wall - is completed.

It's effective, I think, because there is a clear set of steps that she needs to take to get something she wants."

Eliciting a kid's cooperation requires getting a child to buy into the need for a specific action, Bartels and Saphier agree. Nobody in the family can eat dinner, for example, until somebody says "I'm ready."

Defiance, Saphier says, is often a red flag that a child feels powerless.

"If you tell a child that unless he or she eats their Brussels



Anita Bartels teaches free parenting classes at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. The classes focus on helping parents understand and relate to children as they grow up.

Parenting experts say 'Because I said so!' is OK

Knight Ridder News Service

Somewhere in the back of every parent's mind is a list. We'll call it "Things My Parents Said That I Swear I'll Never Say in a Million Years."

And somewhere near the top of that list - right between "What do I look like, a money tree?" and "Your face is a gnat's freeze that way" - is a phrase that has the power to cut short any argument and silence the whiny masses: "Because I said so!"

Chances are, if you're a parent, you've said it a few times, despite your intention to banish it from your repertoire. But here's the thing, experts say: "Because I said so" is perfectly OK.

"The bottom line is, compliance is important," said James Snyder, professor of psychology at Wichita, Kan., State University. "It's important that children learn to comply and to follow rules."

Ideally, of course, parents should provide reasons for their decisions and demands, Snyder said. Your goal as a parent is to teach your children to make good decisions on their own, not just when you're in the room or because you said so.

But when a short, simple reason leads to more whining, it's time to play the authority card.

Consider this example, offered by Meg Sanders, a mother of six from Wichita:

"Clean up the living room."
"Why?"
"You're part of this family, and it's important that we help one another out and keep the house looking nice."
"But..."
"I said so, now do it!"

Unlike some parents, Sanders never made an anti-"because I said so" vow. She uses it often with her children, who range in age from 3 months to 11.

"I hear myself using it more and more as I get older," she said, chuckling. "Sometimes it's the only thing that works."

While previous generations of parents used "because I said so" without remorse or regret, modern moms and dads may think twice. We've heard it's important to communicate with children, to explain our actions and justify our decisions.

But columnist John Rosemond, author of "Because I Said So," 366 Insightful and Thought-Provoking Reflections on Parenting and Family Life," says

children do not need to know the reasons behind their parents' decisions. They want reasons, most often so they can engage the parent in an argument that the child has some chance of winning.

"Clean up the living room, and give a 10-worries-or-less reason for any decision you make," Rosemond said.

A few suggestions: (1) "It costs too much." (2) "There's not enough time." (3) "You're not old enough." (4) "It's dangerous." (5) "We don't believe in that."

But when the child's objections escalate, Rosemond says, simply say, "If I was your age, I wouldn't agree with that reason either. The fact is, you do have to accept. And you must accept for no other reason than because I said so."

A recent issue of Parents magazine classified "because I said so" as a "dirty little discipline secret" - an often maligned but effective tool to keep in your parenting toolbox.

Just be careful not to use it too much, said Kathy Clark, an early-learning specialist with Parents as Teachers. It's most effective in moderation, and only after other tactics have been exhausted.

"Our job as parents is to be teachers, and because I said so is not a very good teaching tool," Clark said.

"Sometimes a child really wants to know why - what's the reasoning behind your decision," she said. "And because I said so, and that's the end of it" doesn't do anything but frustrate the child and make him unhappy."

Clark suggests offering a reason, but keeping it short. For instance, if your 3-year-old is standing on a chair, say, "Chairs are for sitting. I don't want you to get hurt."

Barb Gabbert-Bacon, a Wichita mother who has led parenting groups and taught classes, says she remembers her mother using "because I said so" occasionally. But it didn't frustrate her as much as another of mom's classic comebacks: "We'll see."

"The fact is, if the kid is trying to flush a cucumber down the toilet, you don't want to go into a whole long explanation of how indoor plumbing works," Gabbert-Bacon said.

"I think it's perfectly OK to say, 'That's a bad idea. Don't do it.' Because I said so."

Saphier says it's about results. "Some parents make the decision to stop stressing about the condition of their child's room and just close the door," she said. "That's perfectly OK. In the scheme of things, there are worse things in life than a messy room."

Ruthann Saphier's book, "Parenting Tips for the Strung Out Mom and Dad," is available for \$10 at www.toolkitsforliving.com

Garage sales: Let the buyer beware

Here are some tips, including some from Chris Healy and Dick Wells, on buying items at a garage sale.

- Map out your route before you go so you don't waste time figuring it out along the way.
- Some people prefer going to sales early in the day for the most selection while others like going later and for the best deals.
- When buying clothes, look for stains, especially on the sleeves and collar, and check for holes. If it has been washed a lot and may have shrunk, bring along one of your child's shirts or pants for reference.

Be careful when buying a by product that has been damaged or is potentially dangerous. You can check the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Web site - <http://www.cpsc.gov> - for recalled items.

- When buying something that uses a battery, open the compartment to make sure it's not corroded. Also, test to see if it works.
- When buying CDs or video

tapes, open the case to make sure the right item is inside.

- If you see an item you may be interested in, pick it up and carry it around with you as you decide, or you may lose it to someone else.
- Don't be afraid not to buy something at a yard sale.
- If you see an item you'd like and the seller is not willing to negotiate down, write down your name and number and asked to be called if it's still around at the end of the day and if the person is willing to come down in price.

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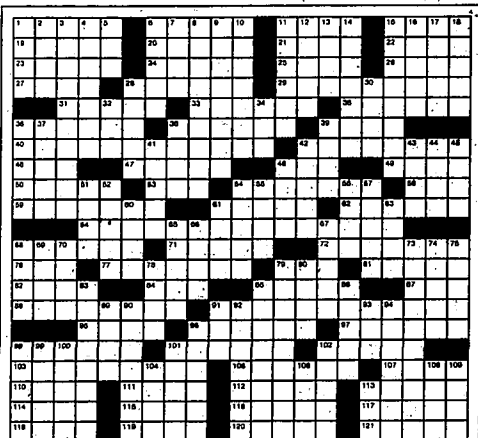
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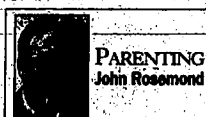
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Practice what you preach

If you want your child to wear helmet, wear one yourself



PARENTING John Rosemond

Q. My husband and I bought a child's bike trailer so we could put our 21-month-old behind us when we ride. We don't wear helmets, but we bought him one to wear. He wore it for the first ride, but has refused ever since. I'm sure he understands the connection between the two because he says, "Bike! No helmet!" We tell him that if he wants to go for a bike ride he has to wear the helmet. He refuses and gets upset, so we put the bikes away. Any suggestions?

California at Los Angeles and published in the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, compared children who slept with their parents and children who slept in their own beds. When the study children reached 18, the amount of time the child had spent in the "family bed" had no bearing on his or her social skills, drug/alcohol use, antisocial behavior or psychological well-being.

A. I speak and can translate toddler-talk and regret, therefore, to inform you that your son is actually saying, "When my parents go for a bike ride, they don't wear helmets, so I'm not going to wear one either."

No, this one study is not going to cause us to rethink my opposition to this practice. One study does not make for truth. In that regard, a developmental and behavioral pediatrician who is an expert in such matters tells me the study was compromised from the get-go by researchers who are biased in favor of bed-sharing. Furthermore, he maintains that the study's design was significantly flawed.

Your question reminds me of the instructions one receives at the commencement of airline travel: "In the event of loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will drop from above you. If you are traveling with a child, put your mask on first, then the child's."

But let's say, for the purpose of argument, that the study is valid and its results reliable. First, I continue to maintain that parent/child bed-sharing is not healthy for a marriage. During my years in clinical practice, I saw convincing evidence of this, and now, as a public speaker, I hear equally convincing testimony to the same effect. Second, if there

is, as the study seems to indicate, no benefit to bed-sharing, then I say, don't share. Not sharing will make no difference to the child, presumably, but it will make a world of difference to a marriage.

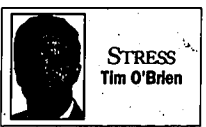
I have never heard a parent complain about the "emptiness" of a bed without children, or say he or she believes their marriage would be better if the children slept with them. On the other hand, I have heard from many, many husbands who bed-share with their children without enthusiasm for or commitment to the practice. They have confessed their negative feelings concerning the effect on their marriages, but they also tell me - and this is most significant - that their wives do not think bed-sharing has any downside. (Don't misunderstand me: There are indeed men who cooperate in bed-sharing. I've simply never heard a woman complain about it.)

This most unfortunate - sad, even. It speaks to the fact that in many a modern household, the mother is more married to her children than she is to her husband. This is not to be construed as a criticism of women who believe bed-sharing is good. After all, these women have been persuaded to that effect by certain "experts" which is why I say beware people like me.

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Become wiser in six steps



STRESS Tim O'Brien

Looking back at some of your earlier antics, have you ever wondered how or why you survived? I certainly have, many times. Did you ignore advice from your doctor, recklessly, without a seat belt? Did you stay up late? Eat poorly? Drink too much? Forgot to exercise?

3. List the areas in life you know you should improve. Keep the list where you can review it daily. Work to improve the top three or four that you feel are most important. Review and revise your list as you grow and become more proficient at self-improvement.

4. Develop a meaningful reading this like a bobbing head doll right now. Even with all we apparently did wrong earlier in life, most of us did survive. The important question now is "Are you still engaging in the same type of behaviors?" How's your driving now? You probably wear a seat belt, but do you use a hand held cell phone while driving? Do you eat, eat, or put on makeup while driving? How healthy and regular are your diet and exercise routines? Do you drink more than small amounts of alcohol more than often than two or three times per week? Do you get enough sleep to wake up feeling rested most days?

5. Stay focused on the benefits of success from your desire to improve. If a goal is better health, learn about nutrition and exercise, then implement what you learn. If a goal is a raise or better job, learn new skills or perfect current ones. Losing weight, getting fit, increasing your income - no simple results of your efforts to improve.

Aging does not guarantee the acquisition of wisdom. Wisdom comes from learning from situations and consistently applying what we learn to help us improve. If we are inconsistent, or if what we learn and apply does not help us grow into a more functional, healthier person, we have not gained wisdom.

6. When you get side tracked, off course, or have a setback, learn from it and get back on schedule quickly. Don't allow yourself to stop your life long commitment to self-improvement. You have a level of wisdom now. Use it to make your life more functional. Also, use it to motivate yourself to gain even what wisdom through your sincere commitment to self-improvement. You will enjoy the benefits of the effort.

Also, accurate information most often requires study and learning. We cannot intuit everything we need to become a genuinely healthy and successful. Parents, knowledgeable friends, schools, libraries, books, tapes, seminars, the internet, can all be sources of help in our quest to improve.

7. I admit you can't be an expert on every subject, all the time. There is simply too much information available on too many subjects to be a true universal expert. Be a generalist. Have an overview knowledge of many pertinent subjects. However, it is vanity to think we can become expert in more than one or two areas.

My friend, David Frei, is best known as the longtime television commentator for the Westminster Kennel Club telecast on USA Network, and is now the spokesperson for the American Kennel Club. He came to know Mike when he produced a video for the Delta Society, and has obviously become a very special member of Dakota's family, too.

8. Willingly accept information from someone younger than you, or very familiar to you. Ideas and information can and do come from everywhere and everyone. Be open, be receptive, and responsive to all avenues of experience and information.

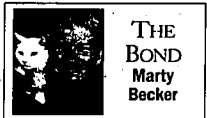
This shows in the preface, where Frei foreshadows what is in store for the reader: "It's not what you teach your dog, it's what you learn from your dog," he writes. As you turn each page of this wonderful book, you will see that lesson, taught over and over again, by Dakota to Mike. The Angel By My Side will help, both pets and people, live happier, healthier, fuller lives. I highly recommend it.

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10. Willingly accept information from someone younger than you, or very familiar to you. Ideas and information can and do come from everywhere and everyone. Be open, be receptive, and responsive to all avenues of experience and information.

Service dog inspires many stories

As a veterinarian and life-long pet lover, I have been touched by the stories of many wonderful animals and their people. If you're a regular reader of this column, you know about my work and my belief in the mutual benefits of the human-animal bond.



THE BOND Marty Becker
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I wrote about Mike Lindenfelder and his incredible golden retriever partner, Dakota, in my book "The Healing Power of Pets." Now you can read their, heartwarming and nearly unbelievable story in greater detail in "The Angel By My Side: The True Story of a Dog Who Saved a Man (Hay House)," co-written by Mike Lindenfelder and David Frei. It is scheduled to be in bookstores Oct. 1.

extended care facility. In each of these experiences, Mike finds out what Dakota can do for others, while learning more about his own humanity and spirituality.

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Dakota found another way to help those he loves. Somehow, Dakota learned how to forewarn Mike of his oncoming angina attacks, sensing them before Mike could feel them. Dakota would "alert" Mike, nudging him and pawing at him to tell him that the attack was coming soon, so that preventative measures could be taken.

As you read about how Mike and Dakota-got involved in animal assisted therapy, and their visits with school children, people in health care facilities, you will smile and cry at the same time. Two stories in particular stand out: one about a young girl in Houston's Shriners hospital who has just lost her mother to cancer, and another about a dying senior citizen in an

With his heart episodes somewhat under control, thanks to Dakota, Mike was able to go back to work as an engineer. And with Dakota by his side, Mike found himself on a new battlefield: his invisible disability and his service dog would provoke challenges from restaurant owners, building security officers, and airport police. These experiences challenged him to become a fearless crusader for the accessibility rights of people and their service dogs, blazing a path for those who would follow him. Mike tells several stories about confrontations that he turned into positive educational experiences for all.

My friend, David Frei, is best known as the longtime television commentator for the Westminster Kennel Club telecast on USA Network, and is now the spokesperson for the American Kennel Club. He came to know Mike when he produced a video for the Delta Society, and has obviously become a very special member of Dakota's family, too.

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Check out the brilliant blue star Vega

Go outside this week around 8:30 p.m. and look straight up. Almost directly overhead you should see a strikingly bright blue-white star. Its name is Vega, the *Lucida* (brightest star) in the small constellation of Lyra, the Harp.

SKYWATCH Chris Anderson

Vega is the fifth-brightest star visible from earth (not counting the sun). Its standout brilliance results from being both relatively close to mere 25 light years away and intrinsically bright (about 80 times more luminous than the sun). Astronomers classify Vega as an "A" star (third-highest temperature) and a sequence that goes, from hottest to coolest, OBAFGKM - don't ask why). Although both Vega and our sun are normal hydrogen-burning stars, Vega is about three times heavier and 172 times wider. Its greater gravity squeezes its core, raising the star's overall temperature. Its blue color results from a surface temperature of 17,000 degrees Fahrenheit, about 60 percent hotter than our yellow sun. (If it seems counterintuitive that a

blue star should be hotter than a yellow star, remember that stars range from coolest red to hottest blue. While a red-hot star is certainly hot, the heat radiating from a blue star would set the walls of your kitchen ablaze.)

Sci-fan fans will remember Vega as the star from which an extraterrestrial message was beamed in the Jodie Foster film "Contact." Based on a book by Carl Sagan, the movie correctly depicts a disk of dust encircling Vega, discovered by an infrared-detecting satellite in 1993. More recent observations of the dust disk indicate that it is clumpy, hinting that newborn planets within the disk may be present.

Sky calendar (through Saturday)

- Planets:
- Mer: one hour before sunrise
- Mon: E, very low
- Jupiter: ESE
- Saturn: S, very high
- One hour after sunset:
- No planets visible
- Moon:
- Third quarter today, 11:03 a.m.

ing the dust from spreading uniformly. If this interpretation is correct, Vega is one of the youngest known planetary nurseries, offering us a front-row seat to view the formation of a planetary system.

Next to ask: "A morning Mars-Mercury meeting."

Chris Anderson is the planetary production specialist at the Skyline Planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at canderson@csi.edu

Records often determine waiting period for disability benefits

Q. When I filed for disability benefits, the representative told me it takes an average of 90 to 120 days before they make a final decision. Why does it take so long?

A. Although the average time to make a disability decision is 90 to 120 days, the determining factor is often how long it takes to get your medical records and other information we need to make a decision. You can help reduce the time it takes by providing all of the information

Social Security Q&A

you can when you file your benefits claims. We start the information process when you file for benefits to your state's Disability Determination Service. The following information will help speed up your claim:

- medical records from your doctors, therapists, hospitals, clinics and case-

workers;

- laboratory and test results;
- names and addresses, phone numbers and fax numbers of your doctors, therapists, caseworkers, clinics and hospitals; and
- names of all your medications.

For more information visit our Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov> or call us at 1-800-772-1213. You also can visit your local Social Security office.

Q. I got a letter from Social Security denying my claim for disability benefits. I'm really not able to work in my condition. What do I do now?

A. Social Security wants each decision on a claim to be the right decision. If you receive a letter telling you that you are not eligible for Social Security disability benefits, you can have Social Security look at your claim again by filing an appeal. You must ask for the appeal in writing within 60 days from when you

received your letter. Your Social Security office will help you complete the paperwork if you decide to file an appeal. For more information, visit our Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov> or call us at 1-800-772-1213. You also can visit your local Social Security office.

This column is prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Tips for a safe, happy visit

Here are some tips for grandparents who are coming for an extended visit.

Prevention

For visits with young grandchildren, even when accompanied by parents, take some basic steps to "accident proof" your home.

- Keep emergency phone numbers handy, including poison control. Make sure you have a signed note from parents giving you permission to authorize emergency medical treatment.
- Also, know which local doctors and hospitals accept your grandchildren's health insurance and have a copy of their proof of coverage.
- If physically possible, get down on your knees to see a room from a young child's perspective in order to find potential hazards.

• Move valuable or breakable items onto high shelves or into closets. Even older children can get rambunctious.

• Never underestimate a grandchild's ability to climb, explore or move furniture to reach something "high up."

• Move cleaning products and other poisons out of low cabinets. Keep medicine - both over-the-counter and prescription - in a locked cabinet. Keep common toiletry items, such as mouthwash and toothpaste, out of reach.

• Block electrical outlets with plugs. Move houseplants (possibly poisonous) to high shelves. Move dangerous items, such as knives, out of kitchen drawers. Place child gates at staircases.

• Don't use old toys, cribs and baby equipment that do not meet today's safety standards.

• Make sure parents show you how to use car seats and install them properly. Children younger than 12 should always sit in the back seat.

■ Before the visit

- Use e-mail, phone calls and letters to stay connected with out-of-town grandchildren. That way, they feel more comfortable when visiting.
- Dip into your grandchild's world. For example, if they are "Harry Potter" fans, read one of the books. Watch a movie or TV show they love. The shared interest gives you something to talk about.
- Plan ahead for outings and activities, but be flexible. Based on your grandchild's age and temperament, keep them busy but not so much so

that they (or you) get too worn out. Involve children in your planning so they get excited.

• Ask parents about grandchildren's routines such as bedtime, naps and meal times. Children will settle better if they get enough sleep and nutritious meals.

• Very young children use a lot of equipment, including cribs, high chairs and strollers. If it's not possible to borrow this gear from friends or relatives, consider renting it or purchasing used items at consignment stores or garage sales.

• Try having one grandchild visit at a time. This gives you a chance for special one-on-one time and eliminates the problem of quarreling siblings.

During the visit

• Go to the public library right away. Children can check out books, tapes and videos to keep them entertained - at no cost. When they leave, return the items and there's nothing to store.

• Build traditions by repeating an activity or outing on subsequent visits. This could be going to a favorite restaurant, fixing a particular meal or finding a game that's exciting only at Grandma's house.

• Tuck children in at night, even if they're older. If they're too old for a story, you can still spend a moment going over the highlights of the day and what's planned for tomorrow.

• Offer toys with long playing lives, such as Legos or other building sets, blocks, dolls, Play-Doh, art materials and board games.

• Anticipate homesickness (especially at night) and plan regular phone calls home. Show grandchildren pictures of their parents as children.

• Invite the cousins over or search out children in the neighborhood. Even as much as they adore you, grandkids will enjoy having peers to play with.

• Listen to your grandchild share his thoughts and troubles. However, do not undermine his parents or get in the middle of a parent-child dispute.

• Most children are used to eating more often than older adults. On outings, don't forget to pack healthy snacks. Don't wait until children are starving to eat.

— Sources: "A Grandparents' Guide for Family Nurturing and Safety," by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; AARP Grandparent Information Center; Arthur Kornhaber.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

Monday: Swiss steak, potato, cooked cabbage, beet salad, bread, rice pudding
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

Weekly Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bergain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foot clinic; make appointment
Tuesday
Tucker Tuesday
Blood pressure check from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card game
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Friday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lunch bingo
Quitting

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening.

Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each Monday at the center, everyone is welcome.

Sunday: Pork roast dinner
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Fish
Wednesday: Hamburger casserole
Thursday: Meat loaf
Friday: Vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich

Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.

Sunday
All-you-can-eat pork roast dinner buffet; \$3.50 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorg at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Ringo at 11:45 a.m.
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure check at 11:45 a.m.

Ringo from 1-3 p.m.
Smorg at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Saturday
Trip to the doll show at the Caldwell Senior Center; van leaves center at 8 a.m.; \$7 per person.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Tuesday: Sloppy joe, potato chips, baked beans, jellied vegetable salad, hot coffee
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot and peas, Waldorf salad, roll, butter, cookies

Agness Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Macaroni and cheese,

SENIOR CALENDAR

ham, spinach, Jell-O, cottage cheese, applesauce, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, pudding, coffee, milk

Friday: Meat loaf potatoes, gravy, green beans, relish tray, rolls, peach crisp, coffee, milk
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday
Pinchle at 11:55 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Sunday
Pork chop dinner from 12-2 p.m.; \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

Tuesday: Fish, salad, macaroni and cheese, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green salad, fruit, dessert
Friday: Meat loaf baked potato, mixed vegetables, fruit, dessert

Activities
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art class from 1-3 p.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Baked chicken, potato, spinach, salad, bread, pudding
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, cookie
Wednesday: Lemon pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, beans, carrot and raisin salad, bread, peas

Thursday: Breaded Salisbury steak, potato, peas, pearl onions, mixed fruit, roll, cake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Bingo and foot at 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Foot clinic at 10:30 a.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Fun night at 6 p.m.

Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Panda Noodle at 12:30 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinchle at 7 p.m.

Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday
Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Monday: Ham and beans, cornbread, pickled beans, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken chow mien over rice, oriental vegetables, broccoli salad, lemon bars, juice
Wednesday: Liver and onions, au gratin potatoes, peas, carrots, fruit medley, hot coffee

Thursday: Roast beef sandwich, potatoes, gravy, corn, Jell-O with fruit, chocolate squares
Friday: Pork chops, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, carrot and raisin salad, coconut cream pie

Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 7 p.m.

Friday

Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Old time Fiddlers at 1 p.m.
Pinchle at 2 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, applesauce, tossed salad, birthday cake, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Hot dogs, bean soup, banana cream pie orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Pepper steak, buttered carrots, steamed rice, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, carrots, egg salad sandwich, blackberry pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Friday: Roast pork, banana squash, green salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, cherries in a cloud cake, orange juice, milk, coffee

Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Old Time Fiddlers
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Friday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.

Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

Tuesday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Menu not available
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.

Monday: Hamburgers, sliced tomatoes, chips, apple cobbler
Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Grandparents can prepare for time with grandkids

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - Ask grandparents how they prepare for an extended visit from their grandkids and the response is immediate:

"Buy junk food," said Emily Dewey of Shoreline, Wash., whose ten-year-old grandchild came for a week or so during the summer.

"I buy lots of pretzels, ice cream and root beer," agreed Josie Haynes of Bellevue, Wash., whose 11-year-old granddaughter, Marilee Ketchum-Luster, came from Chicago for a visit last month.

And indeed, the first thing on Mom's list of things she likes about visiting Grandpa is "he always has food, like chocolate and black licorice."

From comfort food to one-on-one attention, experts say summer visits give grandparents and grandkids a chance to bond. However, grandparents who aren't accustomed to having small people about may find the time goes smoother with advance preparation both for themselves and their homes.

"It's a win-win kind of situation," said Dr. William J. D'Antonio, author of the new book "The Grandparent Guide: The Definitive Guide to Coping with the Challenges of Modern Grandparenting." Grandparents get time alone with grandkids, parents have a chance to go away for a week sans kids and children get what's included.

"Some spooling has to take place," said Kornhaber, a child and family psychiatrist who is president of the California-based

Foundation for Grandparenting. While parents worry children will come to expect similar treatment at home, most kids find the unique Grandma and Grandpa, he assured.

In fact, doing things they don't normally get to do is one way for grandparents to make grandchildren feel special, Kornhaber said.

With children's busy lives, that can be as simple as making a meal together or watching old movies.

While it's important to find outlets for children's energy - parks and swimming pools are always popular - grandparents shouldn't feel obliged to entertain kids, Kornhaber said.

"The most important thing is to 'be there' for grandchildren," agreed Amy Goyer, coordinator of the AARP Grandparent Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Grandparents often feel intimidated because they don't have a computer or video games and so worry there won't be anything for kids to do. While it might take kids awhile to down to board games, in the end they'll appreciate the bonding time, Goyer said.

"The best thing to give them is your attention and meet them at their level," she said. "Go down on the floor and play with them."

When Dewey's grandchildren, who are now age 12 and up, come to stay, "it's real laid back," she says. "It's all about the pool or they'll play outside with the baseball hoop or croquet. There's no schedule. They get enough of that during the year when they have to get up and go to school."

War of the future

Son of Filer woman participates in military experiment

By Robert Hayes
Special to the Times-News

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — While many U.S. service members work in support of the war on terror throughout the world, the son of a Filer woman is stateside, playing an important role in the largest and most complex military experiment in history — an experiment that fore-shadows how the nation will fight its future wars.

Air Force Senior Airman Martin C. Baker, son of Mary M. Baker of Filer, is taking part in what the Department of Defense calls Millennium Challenge. That is an experiment that combines live forces with simulation to test the theories, equipment and doctrine American forces will use on the future battlefield.

More than 13,500 U.S. military and civilian personnel participated in the experiment from locations throughout the United States.

Baker was deployed from his home station of Fort Lewis, Wash., to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada to take part in the experiment. All-four services worked together to fight a simu-

lated battle where the goal was to defeat a smaller, extremely mobile enemy that potentially possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Baker is an enlisted terminal attack controller. "I work on the ground to guide aircraft into the combat zone using portable radios and satellite communications," he said. "I also advise Army personnel on the capabilities and limitations associated with the Air Force providing close air support."

During Millennium Challenge, the Air Force supported the Army's mission of fighting a simulated enemy at Fort Irwin, Calif. Results of the simulated battles fought there will give military commanders the ability to see where improvements need to be made. Baker said that he and his fellow airmen understand the importance of the role they are playing.

"To transform, the military has to try new things — that's what we're doing here," he said. "It's better to find out if new equipment and new tactics work in a training environment such as this, rather than when the bullets are flying for real. It's great

to know I'm a part of the military's decisions on how to fight future wars."

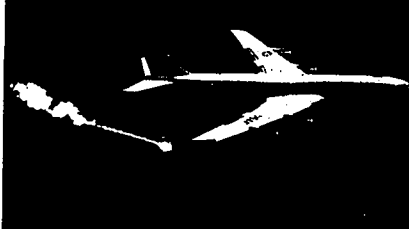
Baker said that he loves the military way of life. "It puts me in situations that require me to grow as a person, as a team member, and also in both knowledge and insight into the world," he said.

Robert Hayes writes for the Army and Air Force Hometown News Services.



Air Force Senior Airman Martin C. Baker checks out his assault rifle. He is one of more than 10,000 American service members who took part in what the Air Force called the largest and most complex military experiment in history.

Photo by Sarah C. Shook



Far left, the new Stryker Army vehicle is off-loaded from an Air Force C-5 Galaxy for use at Fort Irwin, Calif. The Army and Air Force took part in the experiment, which tested the military's ability to quickly move weapons and vehicles from one location to another. Left, a ISTAR aircraft drops a flare during the exercise. The modified Boeing 707 aircraft is used for surveillance and targeting, and worked with Army units on the ground in locating enemy positions.

Photos courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Burley woman prepares for state pageant

BURLEY — A young woman from Burley is preparing for the State Junior Miss Program Thursday through Saturday in Pocatello.

Hillary Handy, daughter of Kristina and David Handy, will compete with 39 Idaho area winners. The contestants will spend eight days with host families. During their stay, they will prepare for the program and do service projects in the area schools.

Several people in the Mini-Cassia area have donated time for Handy's preparation, her family says. Heidi Cranney, a former

Want more details?

Call the Mini-Cassia area contest coordinator, Charmaine Rajpas, at 678-5181.

model, shared her expertise in poise and modeling. Major Richard Fenton, a longtime member of the Toastmasters, has spent many hours training her for speaking, interviewing and on current events. Mini-Cassia Junior Miss board member, Lori Blair is Handy's hostess mother, and has helped her coordinate training and wardrobe selection. On Wednesday, the contestants will be interviewed and judged on mental alertness, personality, sense of values, clarity of expression and her activities and accomplishments. This represents 25 percent of the total score. Handy will perform her talent,

a Latin clogging routine choreographed by her sister, Melissa Morgan, at 7 p.m. Thursday at Pocatello High School. The talent is 25 percent of the score.

Handy will compete in fitness and poise at 7 p.m. Friday. Each represents 15 percent. The fitness routine is an eight-minute aerobic dance. Poise will include an evening gown presentation, judging on carriage and posture, grace, composure and speech. The remaining 20 percent is based on academic achievement.

Ten girls will be selected from the 39 contestants on Saturday. They will compete in talent, fitness and poise that night, and the winners will be selected.

To reserve tickets, send \$7 for Thursday and Friday events and \$8 for Saturday's event to: Idaho State Junior Miss, C/O Sugar-Salem, Junior Miss, P.O. Sugar, Sugar City, ID 83448.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts offers free activities

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum, has started free hands-on activities.

The activities are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

An activity for children and adults centers on the exhibition "The Morals of Nature." After viewing the exhibition of both old and new landscapes, the public can make their own out of blocks of wood, photos from old magazines and other art materials. Meanwhile, participants can listen to music from Aaron Copland's opera, "The Tenderland" which will be performed next week.

The entire project is part of the Sun Valley Center's multi-disciplinary program, "Manifest Destiny and the Contemporary American Landscape," which explores the changing perspective of the landscape depicted by various artists ranging from the 20th to the 21st century. For more information on the program or upcoming programs, call the Sun Valley Center at 808-726-9491 or visit its Web site at www.sunvalleycenter.org.

New DivorceCare series starts up in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — DivorceCare, a 13-week seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced, will start next month.

The group provides a place for separated or divorced people to be around others who understand their feelings, and provides information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce, organizers say. The seminar is free, and the accompanying book is \$13.

DivorceCare will meet from 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 9 at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. Child care is provided. For more information, call 733-6610.

Artist leads watercolor classes in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Artist Jeannine Lee Sharp will teach a watercolor class for adults who have never worked with watercolors or done any art before.

She will teach techniques and about value scale, color wheel, washes, painting without a brush, monoprints, silhouettes and

more. The six-week class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays at the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The cost is \$72 if you have your own supplies or an additional \$40 if you don't have any supplies.

For more information or to register, call 737-9111. Late enrollment is accepted. Sharp has a bachelor's degree in art from Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon, and has been a professional artist for 12 years.

Filer High School class of 1953 plans reunion

FILER — The Filer High School class of 1953 is planning a class reunion, and needs addresses or phone numbers of the following people:

Roy Andrews, Sharon Bennett, Florence Collins Tilton, Clifford Hill, Genevieve Knauts Kinney, Carol Malone, Farrell Peterson, Orion Pleak, Arlene Poe Morrison, Evelyn Reed, Don Robison, Donna Rose Sears, Melynn Willis, Clarence Walcott and Vera Waters.

If you have information about these alumni, call Chairman Barbara Prough Stein at 324-4807.

4-H'ers earn ribbons at Blaine County Fair

CAREY — The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service announced results from the Blaine County Fair.

Sheep Fitting and showing
Senior Ashley Baker, blue; Chelsea Gorrings, blue, second; Christine Hansen, blue; Amanda Johnson, blue; Sarah Lyn Shaffer, blue; Ashley Washburn, blue, first.

Sheep showmanship
Grand champion — Cody Laird.
Reserve champion — C.J. Gorrings.

Sheep quality
Sarah Lyn Shaffer, blue; Justin Boyl, blue, reserve champion; Leah McIlhenny, blue; Allison Shaffer, blue; Joe Larson, blue; Garrett Boyle, blue; Elizabeth Cameron, blue; Ashley Baker, blue; Britany Hennefer, blue.

Dairy fitting and showing
Karinna Maloney, blue, grand champion; Jesse Robinson, blue; Yvonne Struthers, blue, reserve champion.

Dairy quality
Karinna Maloney, blue; Jesse Robinson, blue, grand champion; Yvonne Struthers, blue, reserve champion.

Llama
Grand champion/Reserve James Park, red, blue; Miles Sweck, blue, red, reserve champion; Kylon Chin, red, red; Kevin Chin, blue, blue, grand champion.

Archery
Bowhunter shoot: Marie Elnore, blue; Jordan Vert, red; Hillary Johnson, blue; Tim Vert, blue; Thomas Cameron, red; Nic Turco, red; bowman shoot: Garrett Boyle, participant; Mary Goliandria, red; Spiker Turco, red; Tim Ferguson, blue; reserve bowman shoot: Eric Boyle, blue; Miles Sweck, blue.

Gardening
Brian Boyle, blue; Eric Boyle, blue, reserve project; Justin Boyl, blue; Leah McIlhenny, blue, top project.

Rabbits/Cloverbud
Aashle Hamilton, participant; Travis Foggan; Jonnie Pedersen, participant; Tim Vert; Karl Sluder, participant; Rosemary Sluder, participant; Joshua Wilson, participant.

Poultry showmanship/quality
Rubens Rivera, blue, grand champion showmanqually; Diana Wilson, blue; Poutry cloverbud; Yvonne Struthers, participant; Laura Decker, participant; golden egg; Mercedes Parke, participant; Cherrisa Rivera, participant; Lilly Rivera, participant.

Leadership Interviews
Angie Cameron, blue; Geni Vert, blue; Amanda Johnson, blue; Janell Ramm, blue; Jesse Maloney, blue.

Demonstration
Top award — Ashley Washburn.

Beef fitting and showing
Justin Boyl, blue, first; Kerla Bailey, blue, first; Wacey Berg, blue; Scott Ellis, blue; Kelsey Green, blue.

Beef
Ashley Harbaragar, blue; Karina Maloney, blue; Jessica Park, blue; Brad Peck, blue; Trevor Peck, blue; Todd Peterson, blue; D.J. Simpson, blue, second; Dillon Simpson, blue, third; Hanna Thacker, blue; Taylor Whyte, blue; Intermediate Class: Moji Brodie, blue; Tadd Green, blue; Amanda Hill, blue; Bryan Hill, blue, second; Jessica Humbach, blue; Brad Hunt, blue; Kristina Hurless, blue, first; Intermediate Class 2: Allen Peck, blue; Melissa Peck, blue; Whitney Peck, blue; Lacey Peterson, blue; All Sherbine, blue, first; Isaac Sherbine, blue, second; Andy Shuler, blue; Devin Simpson, blue, third; Casale Weaver, blue; Blaise Whyte, blue; Senior: Tiffany Brooks, blue, second; Angie Cameron, blue; Janet Cameron, red; Lisa Granden, blue; James Hennefer, blue, third; Julie Hill, blue, first; Amanda Johnson, blue; Dylan McIlhenny, blue; Jesse Maloney, blue; Dustin Olsen, blue; Arnette Peck, blue; Jerid Sanderson, red.

SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS



Miss Rodeo Idaho Gabrielle James signs autographs at the North Overland branch of D. L. Evans Bank after the Cassia County fair parade. This was one of many stops for her during the month. She also returned to Burley for the crowning of Cassia County's rodeo royalty.

TRINA THOMAS/The Times-News

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Deven Adam Hayman, son of Rochelle Marie McCauley and Adam Lawrence Hayman of Jerome, was born Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002.
Dominic Enrique Ruz, son of Ginger Lynn Horner of Buhl, was born Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002.
Kaden Vance Boyer, son of Stacey Lynn Nelson and Brandon Lawrence Berkowski of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2002.
Brady Hunter Hudelson, son of Sara Jean and Luddy Dennis Hudelson of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2002.
Jolene Marie and Robert Hunter Hendren of Richfield, was born Thursday, Aug. 19, 2002.
Darius Randall Grubbs, son of Miriam Vanece Hendren, son of Grubbs of Filer, was born Thursday, Aug. 19, 2002.

Liberty Marie Thompson

daughter of Nicole Marie and Jonathan David Thompson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 19, 2002.
Zachary Michael Hollon, son of Jill Ann and John Charles Hollon of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Sept. 20, 2002.
Damien Ross Wilkinson, son of Kathleen Marie Schroeter of Buhl, was born Friday, Aug. 20, 2002.
Joseph Boyd Gunter, son of Carol Lorraine and Victor Joseph Gunter of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 20, 2002.
Chyann Corinna Hummer, daughter of Christina Marie and Patrick J. Hummer of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 20, 2002.
Dorrick James Jolley, son of Tonya Lynn Jolley of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 20, 2002.
Emily Hope Burns, daughter of April Daye and Stephen Lee Burns of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002.
Shya Jasmine Hernandez, daughter of Mariena Rae and Carlos Cesar Hernandez of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Carmela Diane Rodriguez, daughter of Salvador Romero and Jessica Romero of Gooding, was born Friday, Sept. 20, 2002.

To announce a birth

Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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Jeane and Ted DeHoog

THE DEHOOGS

COEUR D'ALENE - Ted and Jeane DeHoog were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at a celebration Sept. 7 at the Twin Lakes Golf Course Resort in Rathdrum. The couple was married Sept. 8, 1952, in Long Beach, Calif. They lived in Jerome from 1968 to 1984 and have been residents of Coeur d'Alene since 1993. The event was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Carla (Jim) Hofstee, their daughter, Karen DeHoog and their grandchildren. One son, Ted DeHoog Jr., is deceased. They have 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Irene and Roy Christensen



THE CHRISTENSENS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christensen will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3-5 p.m. at the Ameri-Tel Inn, 1377 Blue Lakes Boulevard N. in Twin Falls, and may join them later that evening at the Spanbauer's Barn Dance. The couple requests no gifts, please.

Christensen and Irene Young were married Oct. 3, 1942, in Chicago, Ill., while he was stationed at Navy Pier for basic training. He served in the Navy throughout World War II as an airplane technician. After being honorably discharged from service in 1945, the couple settled in Twin Falls.

He operated a livestock trucking company for 31 years in the Magic Valley before retiring in 1976. She worked for 40 years in various capacities at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co., including office manager for the Saturday Sale. She operated the Gift Garden gift shop with her daughter, Connie, from 1980 to 1982 in downtown Twin Falls.

Since retiring, they have spent the winters in Mesa, Ariz., and their summers in their home in Filer. Over the years, he has won eight gold medals for horseshoe pitching in the Arizona Senior Olympics. They have two children, Connie Hansen of Billings, Mont., and Elaine Christensen of Havasupai, Ariz. They also have three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

The couple took a cruise to the Mexican Riviera to celebrate their 50th anniversary, so for their 60th anniversary, their children and granddaughters will help them celebrate in Twin Falls.

BRIDAL REGISTRY

Brandy Christensen & Sara Gillett October 4th	Annelle Hansen & Cody Bowers October 4th
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Japanese seek cheaper, customized weddings

TOKYO (AP) - Back in the 1980s, a wedding reception in Japan was something to see. Brides would go through two or three changes of dress. The guests - and there were often hundreds - would be treated to expensive French meals and then sent home with bags of lavish gifts.

On average, even after Japan's economy started souring, couples were spending the equivalent of \$60,000 for the whole package deal, from the ceremony to the honeymoon in an exotic locale.

But times have changed. And, analysts say, the marriage market presents an excellent synopsis of Japan's bigger economic picture.

Yumi Kito, 25, plans to marry her longtime beau Naoya Harada, a 30-year old computer programmer, in April. But like most Japanese brides, she's thinking harder about the cost, and looking for a package that's less expensive than what couples would have paid a decade ago. And she wants something more to her taste than a huge, traditional affair.

So instead of a big reception at a ritzy hotel, she's opting for a small chapel, and a private dinner at her fiance's favorite ski lodge.

"Just family and friends," she said happily.

Industry experts say Kito, although younger than the average bride-to-be, is fairly typical of the current trend in Japan, which represents a major departure from the pre-recession 1980s and early '90s. In those days, guest lists in the 300-to-400 range weren't unusual and couples raised in Japan's postwar economic boom were ready to unload hefty amounts of cash for their weddings.

My clients used to spend 50,000 to 60,000 yen (\$400 to \$500) per head for their weddings. Now it's down to about half that at 30,000 yen (\$250)," said Chisako Ono, a bridal adviser at Harada, one of Tokyo's ritziest wedding organizers.

Until the mid-'90s, couples were spending an average \$60,000 on their weddings, according to a study by Japan Marriage System, a marriage advisory service.

Now, getting married at home is popular among couples wanting smaller family-oriented celebrations. And instead of flying off to Hawaii or Europe, couples are opting for cheaper trips to much closer Pacific islands. Meanwhile, Tiffany & Co., long



A Japanese couple under an umbrella is led by a Shinto priest and a maiden as their relatives follow during a wedding procession to the main shrine in the compound of Tokyo's Meiji Jingu shrine earlier this month.

immune to Japan's economic doldrums, saw its total retail sales in Japan fall 6 percent in the second quarter. Company executives said sales of engagement rings declined at a greater rate than other items as many Japanese women no longer consider the traditional solitaire diamond a must-have.

The more cautious approach underscores consumers' lingering concern as Japan struggles to repair an economy that has been weak for more than a decade. Throughout the downturn, officials have urged the public to buy, and cited a drop in consumer spending as a major obstacle to growth. But with unemployment at record highs of around 5 percent, bankruptcies growing and deflation eating away at real estate values and investment markets, couples feel they have good reason to be wary.

"As a woman, of course I want a ring and proper wedding. But I think many young people are

worried about buying a house, worried about a stable job - something has to go," said Tomoko Hanazumi, a Tokyo preschool teacher.

Shifting demographics and the changing role of women are also affecting attitudes about weddings. Many women are putting off marriage, making their careers a bigger priority.

According to the Health Ministry, the average age of women getting married has risen from 25.9 to 27, while the age of grooms has remained stable at 28 for the past decade or so.

"The market is maturing and it's not as easy to hook consumers onto a trend," said Yukimasa Sugiyama, CEO of the bridal business Weddings.

Bossy bride rides herd on wedding attendants

DEAR ABBY: I received the enclosed "memo" from a friend. When I read it, I was floored. Once you read it, I'm sure you'll understand why. What's your take on this?

DEAR AGAPE: If the document you sent me is on the level, the bride-to-be appears to have an abundance of unresolved control issues and an astounding lack of tact. Read on.

MEMO TO MY ATTENDANTS: Hey, girl! Mom has your dresses for the wedding. She'll bring them to the shower next weekend. You can pick them up there. "Allison" sent me an e-mail asking what style shoes and jewelry to wear. Great question, Allison! There are so many details, I keep forgetting to tell my girls what to do.

This is an excellent opportunity to go over my expectations for each of you: About the shoes, please wear tasteful flats. Most of you are taller than me. I'd rather you not all tower over me.

I want all of you to wear your hair down. Since "Babs" and Allison have similar hair, I'd prefer that Babs straighten hers and let Allison be the curly-haired girl. After all, she's my friend and you are just bridesmaids! I'm sure you understand.

"Judy" and "Molly," you have both mentioned that you intend to shed a few pounds. This would be the perfect time! Watch your diets; we will all start weekly weigh-ins. Allison could use some trimming down, too.

Also, you should all stay away from the buffet for at least a week before the wedding. None of us should be puffly or bloated. I think this is mainly for Babs, as none of my ladies drink all that much.

Other than that, I don't have any real suggestions. Oh, please don't go tanning! I prefer to blend in with you than stand out as the pale one.

Judy, Allison and Molly, please call me. There are a few other things that I need to go over with you on this topic. Babs, you are "Scotty's" friend so I wouldn't presume to tell you what needs to



DEAR ABBY

Abby VanBuren

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, Universal Press Syndicate, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

be corrected - plus, your own wedding is coming up after mine. So I'm sure you're already more than a little aware of what you need to work on.

See ya'll on Saturday. Babs, remember you'll attend the shower with us girls rather than the party you'll finish with the boys. Dress accordingly, dear!

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful man. I am 31; "Cliff" is 42. His mother, "Margie," is the problem. She lives down the street. Margie bought furniture for our home and gives us money when we come up short. Because of this, she thinks she can stick her nose into our personal business whenever she wants.

Don't get me wrong; I appreciate everything Margie has done for us because, without her, we wouldn't be nearly as well fixed. But how do I get her to back off and let Cliff and me live our own lives?

- WANTS NO STRINGS ATTACHED IN OKLAHOMA
DEAR NO STRINGS: When you accept money, there are usually invisible "strings" attached. As long as you continue to accept your mother-in-law's money, you will have forfeited your right to "live your own lives." You won't truly regain your independence until you have repaid her the money.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Long-distance romance? Tell us

The Times-News is preparing an article about long-distance relationships, and would like to take with couple who are - or have - conducted their romances from afar.

If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.com

WEDDING

CHRISTENSEN-GILLETT

BURLEY - Rodney and Charlene Christensen of Springdale announce the marriage of their daughter, Brandy Christensen, to Stan Gillett, son of Gale and Jolene Gillett of Declo.

The wedding was held Sept. 27 in the Burley LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S., Burley.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls, where they will continue their education.



Stan and Brandy Gillett

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Man's best friend? Dogs can be dangerous

Any canine can bite

Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Rick Tvelia's pinky finger was fractured and practically torn off three months ago when he tried to break up a fight between two of his dogs.

Tvelia is a dog trainer and the owner of Coastal Dog Training. The incident happened when one of his dogs was loose and attacked a dog that was leashed, biting it five or six times. When Tvelia tried to grab the loose dog, the one that was leashed, a German shepherd bit him while he was reaching for the other dog.

Tvelia went straight to the emergency room at Riverside Regional Medical Center for treatment.

He lost a lot of blood. But a local plastic surgeon, Dr. Gilson Kingman, was able to save Tvelia's finger, reattaching it and plugging the wound.

Tvelia said he knows better than to get between two fighting dogs. But because the dogs involved were his pets, he couldn't stand to see either one getting hurt.

Tvelia knowingly put himself at risk. But that's not usually the case involving dog bites.

Plastic surgeons say the vast majority of dog bite victims are unsuspecting people who are unaware that their injuries probably could've been avoided.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons tries to educate the public about precautions people can take to avoid being bitten.

According to the ASPS, dogs bite about 4.7 million Americans each year. Sixty percent of the victims are children, according to the ASPS. In fact, dogs bite half of the nation's children before they finish high school.

The organization says bites are most common in the summer when children spend more time playing with the family dog or a neighbor's dog.

Plastic surgeons say they'd like to see people avoid dog bites and the pain and trauma that accompany the injuries.

Kingman advises parents to always keep an eye on their kids when they're around dogs.

"I get nervous when I see young children around dogs," he said. "Children are so trusting, they'll put their face right in a dog's face."



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The plastic surgeon advises people to: "Always approach a dog with your hand first."

He recently treated a teenager whose lip was partially removed after she bent down to kiss a sleeping dog. The lip was reattached, and Kingman worked to reduce scarring from the attack.

The surgeon said that in most cases he's worked, children aren't teasing the dogs. But sometimes they may try to play with a dog while it's eating or drinking and the dog will lash out and bite.

Kingman said he has to explain to patients with facial bites where part of a person's nose or lip is torn off that there's going to be a scar, although sometimes it can be greatly reduced.

But the physical trauma is only one part of the healing process. There's an emotionally difficult side as well. Sometimes people are embarrassed about being bitten by the family pet.

Dr. Patricia Gomułka, another plastic surgeon, said a boy she treated whose lips were partially bitten off by a dog, had to visit a psychiatrist because of his recurring nightmares. Gomułka said

How to avoid dog bites

- Never approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Never run from or scream at a dog.
- Be still when an unfamiliar dog approaches.
- Roll into a ball and stay still if a dog knocks you over.
- Don't allow children to play with a dog.
- Don't look a dog right in the eye.
- Don't disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
- Don't play with a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.

—Source: American Society of Plastic Surgeons

the boy had to undergo multiple surgeries so his lips could be reconstructed.

Many people assume dog bites are unprovoked. But Tvelia said that when he talks in depth to clients who have been bitten by dogs, he finds the attacks usually occur when people place dogs in stressful situations and ignore warning signs.

"I've talked to a number of people who say, 'I'm shocked the dog did this. We don't know why.' But when you interview them, you find they've been given plenty of warning," Tvelia said.

Chaining a dog is the leading factor that brings about a dog bite.

He knows of instances when dogs have bitten their owners, after the dog's legs have gotten entangled in a chain. The bites may occur when an owner inadvertently tightens the chain while trying to unwrap it. In those situations the dog may feel constricted and lash out.

Another common problem leading to dog bites occurs when an owner goes to take out the trash and a steak bone falls to the ground, which a dog grabs. Often an owner will try to pull the bone away while ignoring the growling dog. The owner then gets bitten. Tvelia says it's rare for a dog to bite an owner without warning.

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Preventing dog bites is not about avoiding certain dogs, but knowing what to do in certain situations.

The location, a dog's disposition and a person's body language all can turn someone into a victim.

More than 4.7 million people, mostly children, are bitten a year, and between 10 and 20 people die each year from bites, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Male dogs between 1 and 3 years old are most likely to be neutered are more likely to bite, said John C. Wright, animal behaviorist and professor of psychology at Mercer University in Georgia.

"It's not accurate to say this dog is either aggressive or it's not, as if it's the personality of a dog," he said. "It's better to talk about a situation in which a dog could be provoked to get angry and have a great personality the other 95 percent of the time."

Some dogs are territorial and would bite a stranger coming in the front door. Others would bite only if someone bothers them or their food, or if they are moved off the couch or suddenly awakened.

Dogs chained up for more than eight hours outside are more likely to bite because they're forced into a territory they might defend out of fear. They're also less likely to get exercise and have a need to get rid of energy, Wright said.

If a dog looks like it's going to attack, a person should look away and take a couple of steps back. But one should stand "still like a tree" if a dog continues to advance. In a worst-case scenario, put an umbrella or a backpack between you and the dog or curl up into a ball, said Caroline C. Cavaletto, director of education at the Humane Society of Broward County, Fla.

"We don't recommend running because dogs have four legs and we have two," she said.

Although large dog attacks are reported more often, a dog of any size will attack. People are

more likely to report a German shepherd than a Poodle attack, Wright said.

Quick movements, waving one's hands, staring at a dog, and taunting or daring a dog to do something can provoke "an attack."

"(Staring) tends to be very arousing in dogs because eye contact is meaningful when dogs stare at other dogs," Wright said. "It's not to be with a small and appropriate reaction to challenge."

People should look away and avoid any sudden movements because a dog's reaction is to bite something that moves quickly, he said.

Running elicits a chase response. "Although they may not be interested in eating you, their predatory response is to go up and control," Wright said. "Dogs that are more skittish or overly assertive have a tendency to bite first and ask questions later."

Families interested in buying or adopting a dog should take time to research different breeds, said veterinarian Paul Jaffe in Boca Raton, Fla.

Jaffe, who has young children and a Rottweiler, said it's more important to train the dog properly and know its history than assume a certain breed is safe or unsafe to own.

"If you get a young dog, you can train almost any dog to be a wonderful pet," he said. "If families get an older dog, it might not like children. But it might be a child problem as much as a vacuum cleaner or thunderstorm problem."

Owners are required to give their dog rabies vaccinations. If their dog bites somebody and breaks the skin, the person should go to the doctor. The police or county health department should also be contacted if the dog's rabies status is unknown, Jaffe said.

Owners should recognize what their dogs do before they bite, such as stiffening or having a certain look in their eye.

"Communication is a dog that it's not acceptable, but don't beat the heck out of them," he said.

University will offer online classes for dads

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — "Deadbeats" is the way some people would describe absentee fathers.

"I just broke," "dead tired" and "beaten down" would be a more accurate depiction, say a growing number of professionals who work in special fatherhood programs. Most of these men want to be responsible fathers, but they need help to learn what that means, say those who work in the field.

Beginning in January, Concordia University will become one of a handful of schools in the country to offer certification and degree programs in fatherhood. The program, considered unique in the country because it will be offered online, will enable fathers and the professionals who work with fathers to learn more about fatherhood and how that role improves the quality children's lives.

The long-distance learning program is the collaborative effort of Concordia, the Urban League of St. Paul and the National Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families. Anyone with access to a computer can enroll, and it is expected to draw students — most with full-time jobs — from around the country.

Zachary Tift, 25, of St. Paul plans to be among the first to sign up. He expects his studies to help him professionally and personally, but the father of Maryah, 7, and Morgan, 10 months, and assists with the St. Paul Urban League's Fathers and Family Initiative project. He worked previously at a Northern Minnesota retail store and established Father Time, a program to encourage more active parenting by fathers, after he noticed that the family center attracted few dads.

He started conversations with other dads and posted a sign-up sheet for his new program there. "If you'd be interested, then throw your name down and I'll

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get back to you," he said.

In three months, Tift had a mailing list with names of 35 fathers, most of them blue-collar and low-income guys. The men set up playgroups and went on field trips with their kids. Tift mixed in parenting topics of interest to the dads and called on experts to talk with the group.

Tift found dads were dealing with similar personal issues. He had been 18 when he became a father two weeks before graduating from Cretn-Derham High School.

"I held my diploma in one hand and my diploma in the other," he recalls. "I just thought, 'Whoa.' It was scary, but I knew my responsibilities."

Tift's mentor is Clarence Jones, project manager for the Urban League's Fathers and Family Initiative. Jones proposed the fatherhood program at Concordia after working for the past five years with mostly low-income fathers to help families become functional. He recalls only a handful of fathers who didn't want to be involved with their children. The reason they usually gave was a very difficult relationship with the mother.

"What I hear from fathers is pain," Jones says. "The fact is, they want to be with their children."

Aries: Check fine print before buying, selling

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

IF SEPTEMBER 29TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... your intuitive intellect is honed to razor-sharpness. You are analytical but also poetic. You have been hurt but are always willing to give romance another chance. Capricorn, Cancer natives play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. Domestic adjustment made earlier this month will prove beneficial. You go through a period of introspection during October. November your most romantic, profitable month.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Before buying or selling property, check the fine print. Deception exists, deliberate or otherwise. Love relationship is exciting, controversial. Promises made will be fulfilled.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You will have more authority; pressure is on due to added

responsibility. Relatives and short trips are involved. Relationship is hot and heavy. Marriage is in picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): By completing assignment, earning power will increase. Lost article is retrieved tonight. Love relationship accents idealism. Aries, Libra individuals will play outstanding roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take initiative. You will be at right place at crucial moment. Cycle high; judgment and intuition are on target. Don't follow others; let them follow you. Leo is represented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fear the unknown! Attention revolves around home, marital

status. Realize you are not alone. One close to you loves you. Be careful of Capricorn natives play sensational roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Popularity is on the rise. Moon position is such that you win friends and influence people. Wishes come true in mysterious manner. Gemini, Sagittarius will play featured roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be on familiar ground. Be alert in handling details. Superior will acknowledge your value. Prestige is elevated and so is standing in the community. Scorpio figures prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Welcome change, travel and variety of experiences. Write, advise and publish. Long-distance communication will involve foreign land. Your philosophical beliefs will be challenged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Attention revolves around where you live, marital status. Be careful of Capricorn natives play sensational roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be positive concerning legal rights, permissions. Be diplomatic and grateful, but avoid being obsequious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your work, basic issues could be overwhelming. Your views are verified; know it, proceed accordingly. Capricorn, Cancer natives will dominate scenario. Number 8 is luck.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Look beyond the immediate; rise above family dispute concerning money. Torrid romance could take you to foreign nation. People want to read what you write and hear what you speak.

Family hour? TV directs adult programming at kids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Childhood innocence and television are an increasingly uneasy mix, according to a study released Wednesday.

Youngsters watching TV during the so-called family hour last season were exposed to bawdier humor and more coarse language and violence than in 1999, according to the Parents Television Council.

"I don't think enough parents realize just how awful it's become," L. Brent Bowell III, president of the conservative watchdog group, "Some of the worst programming is now being put on during that hour and it's being directed deliberately at children."

Bowell noted that the study looked at broadcast television, "not late-night, obscure cable."

The group studied 200 hours of programming airing in 2000-01 on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, WB and UPN during the first hour of prime time — 8 p.m. on the East and West coasts and 7-8 p.m. in the Central and Mountain time zones.

More than 10 million children, on average, are watching television during that hour, according

to Nielsen Media Research figures cited by the study.

Overall, coarse language was up 78 percent to 2.6 instances an hour compared to 1999, the FTC study said. If milder curse words such as "damn" were included in the tally, the per-hour rate of foul language usage would reach 6.1, Bowell said.

Violence rose 70 percent to 2.8 occurrences per hour, the study found. Fifteen percent of those depictions involved a gun.

Although sexual material dipped 17 percent, to a per-hour average of 3.1 instances, it was rarer than in the past, the FTC said.

Oral sex, homosexuality, pornography, masturbation and "leaky practices" that a generation ago may not even have been discussed on late-evening series were mentioned on family hour

shows, the study said.

"Homosexuality was included in the list simply because it reflected another aspect of sexuality on TV," Bowell said.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, however, questioned lumping sexual orientation with overt sex acts. The group believes "such odd and irrelevant details. Superior will acknowledge your value. Prestige is elevated and so is standing in the community. Scorpio figures prominently."

The study found UPN was the worst offender among the networks with a combined per-hour average of 18.1 instances of sex, violence or crude language, while NBC was second with 9.1 instances. The other network figures were: 7.8; WB, 7.5; ABC, 6.7 and CBS, 5.8.

This was the second consecutive year CBS was judged by the

FTC to have the least objectionable family hour programming.

The study — the group's fifth analysis of program content during the early prime-time hour — said UPN "lapped the field" in violence, which Bowell attributed to broadcasts of the World Wrestling Federation's "WWF Smackdown!"

"I'm strongly believe in the viewers' right to make an informed choice about what they watch, which is why we voluntarily and clearly label every UPN program with a content rating," the network said in response to the study.

Others shows singled out for violence were WB's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and UPN's "Seven Days." Over sexual content was cited on shows including ABC's "Two Guys and a Girl" and NBC's "DAG."

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